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TREATMENT TO PREVENT LOSS OF
AND/OR INCREASE BONE MASS IN METABOLIC BONE DISEASES

- 5 This invention relates to means for increasing the bone mass and/or preventing the loss of bone mass in a mammal.

Background of the Invention

- 10 Throughout adult life, bone is continually undergoing remodeling through the interactive cycles of bone formation and resorption (bone turnover). Bone resorption typically is rapid, and is mediated by
- 15 osteoclasts (bone resorbing cells), formed by mononuclear phagocytic precursor cells at bone remodeling sites. This process then is followed by the appearance of osteoblasts (bone forming cells) which form bone slowly to replace the lost bone. The
- 20 activities of the various cell types that participate in the remodeling process are controlled by interacting systemic (e.g., hormones, lymphokines, growth factors, vitamins) and local factors (e.g., cytokines, adhesion molecules, lymphokines and growth factors). The fact
- 25 that completion of this process normally leads to

balanced replacement and renewal of bone indicates that the molecular signals and events that influence bone remodeling are tightly controlled.

5 A number of bone growth disorders are known which cause an imbalance in the bone remodeling cycle. Chief among these are metabolic bone diseases, such as osteoporosis, osteoplasia (osteomalacia), chronic renal failure and hyperparathyroidism, which result in
10 abnormal or excessive loss of bone mass (osteopenia). Other bone diseases, such as Paget's disease, also cause excessive loss of bone mass at localized sites.

Osteoporosis is a structural deterioration of the
15 skeleton caused by loss of bone mass resulting from an imbalance in bone formation, bone resorption, or both, such that the resorption dominates the bone formation phase, thereby reducing the weight-bearing capacity of the affected bone. In a healthy adult, the rate at
20 which bone is formed and resorbed is tightly coordinated so as to maintain the renewal of skeletal bone. However, in osteoporotic individuals an imbalance in these bone remodeling cycles develops which results in both loss of bone mass and in
25 formation of microarchitectural defects in the continuity of the skeleton. These skeletal defects, created by perturbation in the remodeling sequence, accumulate and finally reach a point at which the structural integrity of the skeleton is severely
30 compromised and bone fracture is likely. Although this imbalance occurs gradually in most individuals as they

age ("senile osteoporosis"), it is much more severe and occurs at a rapid rate in postmenopausal women. In addition, osteoporosis also may result from nutritional and endocrine imbalances, hereditary disorders and a
5 number of malignant transformations.

Patients suffering from chronic renal (kidney) failure almost universally suffer loss of skeletal bone mass (renal osteodystrophy). While it is known that
10 kidney malfunction causes a calcium and phosphate imbalance in the blood, to date replenishment of calcium and phosphate by dialysis does not significantly inhibit osteodystrophy in patients suffering from chronic renal failure. In adults,
15 osteodystrophic symptoms often are a significant cause of morbidity. In children, renal failure often results in a failure to grow, due to the failure to maintain and/or to increase bone mass.

20 Osteoplasia, also known as osteomalacia ("soft bones"), is a defect in bone mineralization (e.g., incomplete mineralization), and classically is related to vitamin D deficiency (1,25-dihydroxy vitamin D₃). The defect can cause compression fractures in bone, and
25 a decrease in bone mass, as well as extended zones of hypertrophy and proliferative cartilage in place of bone tissue. The deficiency may result from a nutritional deficiency (e.g., rickets in children), malabsorption of vitamin D or calcium, and/or impaired
30 metabolism of the vitamin.

- Hyperparathyroidism (overproduction of the parathyroid hormone) is known to cause malabsorption of calcium, leading to abnormal bone loss. In children, hyperparathyroidism can inhibit growth, in adults the skeleton integrity is compromised and fracture of the ribs and vertebrae are characteristic. The parathyroid hormone imbalance typically may result from thyroid adenomas or gland hyperplasia, or may result from prolonged pharmacological use of a steroid. Secondary hyperparathyroidism also may result from renal osteodystrophy. In the early stages of the disease osteoclasts are stimulated to resorb bone in response to the excess hormone present. As the disease progresses, the trabecular bone ultimately is resorbed and marrow is replaced with fibrosis, macrophages and areas of hemorrhage as a consequence of microfractures. This condition is referred to clinically as osteitis fibrosa.
- 20 Paget's disease (osteitis deformans) is a disorder currently thought to have a viral etiology and is characterized by excessive bone resorption at localized sites which flare and heal but which ultimately are chronic and progressive, and may lead to malignant transformation. The disease typically affects adults over the age of 25.

- To date, osteopenia treatments are based on inhibiting further bone resorption, e.g., by 1) inhibiting the differentiation of hemopoietic mononuclear cells into mature osteoclasts, 2) by directly preventing osteoclast-mediated bone resorption, or 3) by affecting the hormonal control of bone resorption. Drug regimens used for the treatment of osteoporosis include calcium supplements, estrogen,

calcitonin and diphosphonates. Vitamin D₃ and its metabolites, known to enhance calcium and phosphate absorption, also are being tried. None of the current therapies stimulate regeneration of new bone tissue.

- 5 In addition, all of these agents have only a transient effect on bone remodeling. Thus, while in some cases the progression of the disease may be halted or slowed, patients with significant bone deterioration remain actively at risk. This is particularly prevalent in
- 10 disorders such as osteoporosis where early diagnosis is difficult and/or rare and significant structural deterioration of the bone already may have occurred.

- It is an object of the present invention to develop
- 15 methods and compositions for inhibiting or preventing the loss of bone mass and/or for increasing bone formation in an individual who, for example, is afflicted with a disease which decreases skeletal bone mass, particularly where the disease causes an
- 20 imbalance in bone remodeling. Another object is to enhance bone growth in children suffering from bone disorders, including metabolic bone diseases. Still another object is to prevent or inhibit bone deterioration in individuals at risk for loss of bone
- 25 mass, including postmenopausal women, aged individuals, and patients undergoing dialysis. Yet another object is to provide methods and compositions for repairing defects in the microstructure of structurally compromised bone, including repairing bone fractures.
- 30 Thus, the invention is aimed at stimulating bone

formation and increasing bone mass, optionally over prolonged periods of time, and particularly to decrease the occurrence of new fractures resulting from structural deterioration of the skeleton. These and
5 other objects and features of the invention will be apparent from the description, drawings, and claims which follow.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides methods and compositions for inhibiting loss of bone mass, and/or
5 for stimulating bone formation in mammals, particularly humans.

In one aspect, the invention features a therapeutic treatment method and composition for preventing loss of
10 bone mass and/or for increasing bone mass in a mammal which includes administering to the individual a therapeutically effective morphogen in an amount and for a time sufficient to inhibit the loss of bone mass, and/or to increase bone mass in the individual.

15 In another aspect, the invention features a therapeutic treatment method and composition for preventing loss of bone mass and/or for increasing bone mass in a mammal which includes administering to the
20 mammal a compound that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen in the body of the mammal sufficient to prevent loss of and/or to increase bone mass in the individual. These compounds are referred
25 to herein as morphogen-stimulating agents, and are understood to include substances which, when administered to a mammal, act on tissue(s) or organ(s) that normally are responsible for, or capable of, producing a morphogen and/or secreting a morphogen, and
30 which cause the endogenous level of the morphogen to be altered. The agent may act, for example, by stimulating expression and/or secretion of an endogenous morphogen.

The morphogens described herein are believed to play a significant role in maintaining appropriate bone mass in an individual. Thus, a morphogen may be administered according to the invention to any individual who requires assistance in maintaining appropriate bone mass and/or who suffers from a bone remodeling imbalance. For example, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent may be administered according to the invention to an adult suffering from renal failure to prevent bone deterioration which is associated with that disease, e.g., to correct bone loss due to late stage kidney failure. Similarly, the administration of a morphogen to a child suffering from renal failure is expected not only to alleviate loss of bone mass in the child, but also to stimulate bone formation and thus growth. In addition, administration of a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent to an individual suffering from defects in skeletal microstructure is expected to result in repair of that defect, and to enhance the weight-bearing capacity of the treated bone.

Accordingly, in another aspect of the invention, the treatment methods and compositions of the invention may be used to treat a bone fracture or any disease which causes or results in bone fractures or other defects in skeletal microstructure, including loss of bone mass, and which compromise the weight-bearing capacity of bone. Such diseases include, for example, chronic renal failure and other kidney diseases, particularly those requiring dialysis; osteomalacia; vitamin D deficiency-induced osteopenia or osteoporosis; postmenopausal or senile osteoporosis; hyperparathyroidism and Paget's disease.

In still another aspect, the invention provides methods and compositions for protecting an individual at risk for the loss or deterioration of skeletal bone mass by prophylactic administration of a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent. Individuals at risk include postmenopausal females, aged individuals, and individuals undergoing dialysis, particularly prolonged or chronic dialysis.

10 In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent is administered systemically to the individual, e.g., orally or parenterally. In another embodiment of the invention, the morphogen may be provided directly to
15 the bone, e.g., by injection to the bone periosteum or endosteum. Direct injection is particularly useful for repairing defects in the microstructure of the bone, including bone fractures.

20 In any treatment method of the invention, "administration of morphogen" refers to the administration of the morphogen, either alone or in combination with other molecules. For example, the mature form of the morphogen may be provided in
25 association with its precursor "pro" domain, which is known to enhance the solubility of the protein. Other useful molecules known to enhance protein solubility include casein and other milk components, as well as various serum proteins. Additional useful molecules
30 which may be associated with the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent include tissue targeting molecules capable of directing the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent to bone. Tissue targeting molecules envisioned to be useful in the treatment
35 protocols of this invention include tetracycline,

diphosphonates, and antibodies or other binding proteins which interact specifically with surface molecules on bone tissue cells.

5 Still another useful tissue targeting molecule is the morphogen precursor "pro" domain, particularly that of OP-1, BMP2 or BMP4. These proteins are found naturally associated with bone tissue but likely are synthesized in other tissues and targeted to bone
10 tissue after secretion from the synthesizing tissue. For example, the primary source of OP-1 synthesis appears to be the tissue of the urinary tract (e.g., renal tissue), while the protein has been shown to be active in bone tissue (see below.) Moreover, the
15 protein has been identified in serum, saliva and various milk forms. In addition, the secreted form of the protein comprises the mature dimer in association with the pro domain of the intact morphogen sequence. Accordingly, the associated morphogen pro domains may
20 act to target specific morphogens to different tissues in vivo.

Associated tissue targeting or solubility-enhancing molecules also may be covalently linked to the
25 morphogen using standard chemical means, including acid-labile linkages, which likely will be preferentially cleaved in the acidic environment of bone remodeling sites.

30 The morphogens or morphogen-stimulating agents also may be administered together with other "co-factors" known to have a beneficial effect on bone remodeling, including parathyroid hormone, vitamin D₃, prostaglandins, dexamethasone, IGF (I, II) and their

binding proteins, and other agents known to enhance osteoblast activity. Other useful confactors include calcitonin and estrogen and other agents which inhibit bone resorption.

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Among the morphogens useful in this invention are proteins originally identified as osteogenic proteins, such as the OP-1, OP-2 and CBMP2 proteins, as well as amino acid sequence-related proteins such as DPP (from
10 Drosophila), Vgl (from Xenopus), Vgr-1 (from mouse, see U.S. 5,011,691 to Oppermann et al.), GDF-1 (from mouse, see Lee (1991) PNAS 88:4250-4254), all of which are presented in Table II and Seq. ID Nos.5-14), and the recently identified 60A protein (from Drosophila, Seq.
15 ID No. 24, see Wharton et al. (1991) PNAS 88:9214-9218.) The members of this family, which include members of the TGF- β super-family of proteins, share substantial amino acid sequence homology in their C-terminal regions. The proteins are translated as a
20 precursor, having an N-terminal signal peptide sequence, typically less than about 30 residues, followed by a "pro" domain that is cleaved to yield the mature sequence. The signal peptide is cleaved rapidly upon translation, at a cleavage site that can be
25 predicted in a given sequence using the method of Von Heijne ((1986) Nucleic Acids Research 14:4683-4691.) Table I, below, describes the various morphogens identified to date, including their nomenclature as used herein, their Seq. ID references, and publication
30 sources for the amino acid sequences of the full length proteins not included in the Seq. Listing. The disclosure of these publications is incorporated herein by reference.

TABLE I

5	"OP-1"	Refers generically to the group of morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-1 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human OP-1 ("hOP-1", Seq. ID No. 5, mature protein amino acid sequence), or mouse OP-1 ("mOP-1", Seq. ID No. 6, mature protein amino acid sequence.) The conserved seven cysteine skeleton is defined by residues 38 to 139 of Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 6. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. Id Nos. 16 and 17 (hOP1) and Seq. ID Nos. 18 and 19 (mOP1.) The mature proteins are defined by residues 293-431 (hOP1) and 292-430 (mOP1). The "pro" regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield the mature, morphogenically active proteins are defined essentially by residues 30-292 (hOP1) and residues 30-291 (mOP1).
25	"OP-2"	refers generically to the group of active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-2 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human OP-2 ("hOP-2", Seq. ID No. 7, mature protein amino acid sequence) or mouse OP-2 ("mOP-2", Seq. ID No. 8, mature protein amino acid sequence). The conserved seven cysteine skeleton is defined by residues 38 to 139

of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. ID Nos. 20 and 21 (hOP2) and Seq. ID Nos. 22 and 23 (mOP2.) The mature proteins are defined essentially by residues 264-402 (hOP2) and 261-399 (mOP2). The "pro" regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield the mature, morphogenically active proteins are defined essentially by residues 18-263 (hOP2) and residues 18-260 (mOP2). (Another cleavage site also occurs 21 residues further upstream for both OP-2 proteins.)

"CBMP2"

refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from a DNA sequence encoding the CBMP2 proteins, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human CBMP2A ("CBMP2A(fx)", Seq ID No. 9) or human CBMP2B DNA ("CBMP2B(fx)", Seq. ID No. 10). The amino acid sequence for the full length proteins, referred to in the literature collectively as BMP2A and BMP2B, or BMP2 and BMP4, appear in Wozney, et al. (1988) Science 242:1528-1534. The pro domain for BMP2 (BMP2A) likely includes residues 25-248 or 25-282; the mature protein, residues 249-396 or 283-396. The pro domain for BMP4 (BMP2B) likely includes residues 25-256 or 25-292; the mature protein, residues 257-408 or 293-408.

- "DPP(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Drosophila DPP gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 11). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Padgett, et al (1987) Nature 325: 81-84. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 456; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 457-588.
- "Vgl(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Xenopus Vgl gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 12). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Weeks (1987) Cell 51: 861-867. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 246; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 247-360.
- "Vgr-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the murine Vgr-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 13). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Lyons, et al, (1989) PNAS 86: 4554-4558. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 299; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 300-438.

"GDF-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human GDF-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 14). The cDNA and encoded amino sequence for the full length protein is provided in Seq. ID. No. 32. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 214; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 215-372.

"60A" refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence (from the Drosophila 60A gene) encoding the 60A proteins (see Seq. ID No. 24 wherein the cDNA and encoded amino acid sequence for the full length protein is provided). "60A(fx)" refers to the protein sequences defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (residues 354 to 455 of Seq. ID No. 24.) The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 324; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 325-455.

"BMP3(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP3 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 26). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Wozney et al. (1988) Science 242: 1528-1534. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 290; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 291-472.

"BMP5(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP5 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 27). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Celeste, et al. (1991) PNAS 87: 9843-9847. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 316; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 317-454.

"BMP6(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP6 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 28). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appear sin Celeste, et al. (1990) PNAS 87: 9843-5847. The pro domain likely includes extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 374; the mature sequence likely includes residues 375-513.

The OP-2 proteins have an additional cysteine residue in this region (e.g., see residue 41 of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8), in addition to the conserved cysteine skeleton in common with the other proteins in this family. The GDF-1 protein has a four amino acid insert within the conserved skeleton (residues 44-47 of Seq. ID No. 14) but this insert likely does not interfere with the relationship of the cysteines in the folded structure. In addition, the CBMP2 proteins are missing one amino acid residue within the cysteine skeleton.

The morphogens are inactive when reduced, but are active as oxidized homodimers and when oxidized in

combination with other morphogens of this invention. Thus, as defined herein, a morphogen is a dimeric protein comprising a pair of polypeptide chains, wherein each polypeptide chain comprises at least the

5 C-terminal six cysteine skeleton defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5, including functionally equivalent arrangements of these cysteines (e.g., amino acid insertions or deletions which alter the linear arrangement of the cysteines in the sequence but not

10 their relationship in the folded structure), such that, when the polypeptide chains are folded, the dimeric protein species comprising the pair of polypeptide chains has the appropriate three-dimensional structure, including the appropriate intra- or inter-chain

15 disulfide bonds such that the protein is capable of acting as a morphogen as defined herein. Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of all of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of

20 progenitor cells; stimulating the differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. In addition,

25 it also is anticipated that these morphogens are capable of inducing redifferentiation of committed cells under appropriate environmental conditions.

In one preferred aspect, the morphogens of

30 this invention comprise one of two species of generic amino acid sequences: Generic Sequence 1 (Seq. ID No. 1) or Generic Sequence 2 (Seq. ID No. 2); where each Xaa indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α -amino acids or a derivative thereof.

35 Generic Sequence 1 comprises the conserved six cysteine

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Preferred amino acid sequences within the foregoing generic sequences include: Generic Sequence 3 (Seq. ID No. 3), Generic Sequence 4 (Seq. ID No. 4), Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31), listed below. These Generic Sequences accommodate the homologies shared among the various preferred members of this morphogen family identified in Table II, as well as the amino acid sequence variation among them. Specifically, Generic Sequences 3 and 4 are composite amino acid sequences of the following proteins presented in Table II and identified in Seq. ID Nos. 5-14: human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14.) The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by the sequences in Table II, as well as alternative residues for the variable positions within the sequence. Note that

these generic sequences allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 or 46 in Generic Sequences 3 or 4, respectively, providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and contain certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 3

Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe

10	1	5
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa	
	10	
	Xaa Ala Pro Xaa Gly Xaa Xaa Ala	
	15	20
15	Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa	
	25	30
	Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
	35	
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa	
20	40	45
	Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
	50	
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys	
	55	60
25	Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa

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5 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa

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Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa

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- wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group
- 10 of one or more specified amino acids defined as follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.4 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.8 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn);
- 15 Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg or Asn); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.18 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.20 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu or Gln); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at
- 20 res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.28 = (Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro or Gln); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.33 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala or Thr); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala);
- 25 Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.45 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.46 =
- 30 (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His or Asn); Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa

at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.53
 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.54 = (Pro or Ser);
 Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, or Gly); Xaa at res.56
 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at
 5 res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or
 Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.60 =
 (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at
 res.65 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg
 or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at
 10 res.68 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro
 or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at
 res.71 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.72 = (Val or Met);
 Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 = (Phe, Tyr
 or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.77 =
 15 (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn
 or Tyr); Xaa at res.79 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at
 res.80 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile or
 Val); Xaa at res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 =
 (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His);
 20 Xaa at res.87 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.88 =
 (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr or Ala);
 Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at
 res.93 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.97 = (His or
 Arg);

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Generic Sequence 4

	Cys	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Leu	Tyr	Val	Xaa	Phe
	1				5					10
30	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Gly	Trp	Xaa	Xaa	Trp	Xaa	
				15						
	Xaa	Ala	Pro	Xaa	Gly	Xaa	Xaa	Ala		
	20				25					
	Xaa	Tyr	Cys	Xaa	Gly	Xaa	Cys	Xaa		
35				30					35	

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Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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 Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
 45 50
 5 Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
 60 65
 Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
 70
 10 Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
 75 80
 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
 85
 15 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
 90 95
 Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
 100

wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group
 20 of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the
 following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 =
 (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.4
 = (His or Arg); Xaa at res.5 = (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg
 or Pro); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at
 25 res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp
 or Glu); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.16 =
 (Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg,
 or Asn); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 =
 (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro
 30 or Arg); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.26 =
 (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu, or Gln); Xaa at res.28 =
 (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp
 or Gln); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at
 res.35 = (Ala, Ser or Pro); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu
 35 or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.39 =

(Asn, Asp, Ala or Thr); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.44 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.50 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.55 = (His or Asn); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.60 = (Glu, Asp, or Gly); Xaa at res.61 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.64 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.70 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.71 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.77 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr or Leu); Xaa at res.81 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn or Tyr); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.91 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 = (Val, Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.102 = (His or Arg).

Similarly, Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31) accommodate the homologies shared among all the morphogen protein family members identified in Table II. Specifically, Generic Sequences 5 and 6 are composite amino acid sequences of human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP (from *Drosophila*, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from *Xenopus*, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14 and 32), human BMP3 (Seq. ID No. 26), human BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27), human BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28) and 60A (from *Drosophila*, Seq. ID No. 24). The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by these sequences in the C-terminal domain, defined by the six and seven cysteine skeletons (Generic Sequences 5 and 6, respectively), as well as alternative residues for the variable positions within the sequence. As for Generic Sequences 3 and 4, Generic Sequences 5 and 6 allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 (Generic Sequence 5) or position 46 (Generic Sequence 6), providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and containing certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 5

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Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa

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Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
15                               20
Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
25                               30
5 Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
40                               45
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
10                               50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
55                               60
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65
15 Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
70                               75
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
20 85                               90
Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa
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wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids defined as

25 follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.3 = Val or Ile); Xaa at res.4 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys or Ala); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.8

= (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.16 (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.18
5 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.19 = (Gly or Ser); Xaa at res.20 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu or Gly); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.28 = (Glu,
10 Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.33 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or
15 Ile); Xaa at res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at res.45 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.46 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 =
20 (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.48 = (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.53 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu, Gly or Phe); Xaa at
25 res.54 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.56 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His); Xaa at res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at res.60 = (Pro or
30 Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.65 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.68 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr, Val or Leu); Xaa at
35 res.71 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at res.72 = (Val, Met

or Ile); Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 =
 (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp, Asn or
 Leu); Xaa at res.77 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at
 res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or Asp); Xaa at res.79 =
 5 (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.80 = (Asn, Thr
 or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile, Val or Asn); Xaa at
 res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 = (Lys, Asn, Gln,
 His or Val); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at
 res.87 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro); Xaa at res.88 = (Asn,
 10 Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr, Ala or Ile);
 Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at
 res.93 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser); Xaa at res.95 = (Gly
 or Ala) and Xaa at res.97 = (His or Arg).

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Generic Sequence 6

	Cys	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Leu	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Phe
	1				5					10
	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Gly	Trp	Xaa	Xaa	Trp	Xaa	
20					15					
	Xaa	Xaa	Pro	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Ala		
	20				25					
	Xaa	Tyr	Cys	Xaa	Gly	Xaa	Cys	Xaa		
			30					35		
25	Xaa	Pro	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa			
					40					
	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Asn	His	Ala	Xaa	Xaa		
			45					50		
	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa		
30					55					
	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Cys		
			60					65		
	Cys	Xaa	Pro	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa		
					70					

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
 75                               80
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
                        85
5   Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
    90                               95
Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa
      100

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- 10 wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Lys, Arg, Ala or Gln); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys, Arg or Met); Xaa at res.4 = (His, Arg or Gln); Xaa at res.5 =
- 15 (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg, Pro, Thr, or Tyr); Xaa at res.7 = (Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.8 = (Val or Ile); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys or Ala); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Glu, or Lys); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.16
- 20 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.24 = (Gly or Ser); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or
- 25 Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu, or Gly); Xaa at res.28 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.35 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu
- 30 or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.39 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.43 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at
- 35 res.44 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr,

Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at
res.50 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or
Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.53
= (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at
5 res.55 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu,
Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn,
Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu,
Gly or Phe); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at
res.60 = (Glu, Asp, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.61 =
10 (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His);
Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pro
or Asp); Xaa at res.64 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at
res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val);
Xaa at res.70 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.71 =
15 (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or
Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at
res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr,
Val or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at
res.77 = (Val, Met or Ile); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or
20 Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at
res.81 = (Asp, Asn or Leu); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu,
Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or
Asp); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa
at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile,
25 Val or Asn); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at
res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln, His or Val); Xaa at res.91 =
(Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro);
Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 =
(Val, Thr, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val,
30 Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser);
Xaa at res.100 = (Gly or Ala); and Xaa at res.102 =
(His or Arg).

Particularly useful sequences for use as morphogens in this invention include the C-terminal domains, e.g., the C-terminal 96-102 amino acid residues of Vgl, Vgr-1, DPP, OP-1, OP-2, CBMP-2A, CBMP-2B, GDF-1 (see Table II, below, and Seq. ID Nos. 5-14), as well as proteins comprising the C-terminal domains of 60A, BMP3, BMP5 and BMP6 (see Table II, below, and Seq. ID Nos. 24-28), all of which include at least the conserved six or seven cysteine skeleton. In addition, biosynthetic constructs designed from the generic sequences, such as COP-1, 3-5, 7, 16, disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,011,691, also are useful. Other sequences include the inhibins/activin proteins (see, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,968,590 and 5,011,691).

Accordingly, other useful sequences are those sharing at least 70% amino acid sequence homology or "similarity", and preferably 80% homology or similarity with any of the sequences above. These are anticipated to include allelic and species variants and mutants, and biosynthetic muteins, as well as novel members of this morphogenic family of proteins. Particularly envisioned in the family of related proteins are those proteins exhibiting morphogenic activity and wherein the amino acid changes from the preferred sequences include conservative changes, e.g., those as defined by Dayoff et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure; vol. 5, Suppl. 3, pp. 345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l Biomed. Research Fdn., Washington, D.C. 1979). As used herein, potentially useful sequences are aligned with a known morphogen sequence using the method of Needleman et al. ((1970) J.Mol.Biol. 48:443-453) and identities calculated by the Align program (DNASTar, Inc.). "Homology" or "similarity" as used herein includes allowed conservative changes as defined by Dayoff et al.

The currently most preferred protein sequences useful as morphogens in this invention include those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence

5 defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the *Drosophila* 60A protein. Accordingly, in another

10 preferred aspect of the invention, useful morphogens include active proteins comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence herein referred to as "OPX", which accommodates the homologies between the various

15 identified species of OP1 and OP2 (Seq. ID No. 29).

The morphogens useful in the methods, composition and devices of this invention include proteins comprising any of the polypeptide chains

20 described above, whether isolated from naturally-occurring sources, or produced by recombinant DNA or other synthetic techniques, and includes allelic and species variants of these proteins, naturally-occurring or biosynthetic mutants thereof, as well as various

25 truncated and fusion constructs. Deletion or addition mutants also are envisioned to be active, including those which may alter the conserved C-terminal cysteine skeleton, provided that the alteration does not functionally disrupt the relationship of these

30 cysteines in the folded structure. Accordingly, such active forms are considered the equivalent of the specifically described constructs disclosed herein. The proteins may include forms having varying glycosylation patterns, varying N-termini, a family of

35 related proteins having regions of amino acid sequence

homology, and active truncated or mutated forms of native or biosynthetic proteins, produced by expression of recombinant DNA in host cells.

5 The morphogenic proteins can be expressed from intact or truncated cDNA or from synthetic DNAs in procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells, and purified, cleaved, refolded, and dimerized to form morphogenically active compositions. Currently
10 preferred host cells include E. coli or mammalian cells, such as CHO, COS or BSC cells. A detailed description of the morphogens useful in the methods and compositions of this invention is disclosed in
15 copending US patent application Serial Nos. 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, and 667,274, filed March 11, 1991, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

20 Thus, in view of this disclosure, skilled genetic engineers can isolate genes from cDNA or genomic libraries of various different species which encode appropriate amino acid sequences, or construct DNAs from oligonucleotides, and then can express them in various types of host cells, including both
25 procaryotes and eucaryotes, to produce large quantities of active proteins capable of enhancing bone formation and/or inhibiting abnormal bone deterioration in a variety of mammals, including humans, for use in maintaining appropriate bone mass and bone remodeling
30 in developing and adult bone tissue.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The foregoing and other objects and features of this invention, as well as the invention itself, may be
5 more fully understood from the following description, when read together with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 compares the mitogenic effect of hOP-1 and
10 TGF- β on rat osteoblasts;

FIG. 2 illustrates the effect of human osteogenic protein-1 (hOP-1) on the collagen synthesis of osteoblasts;
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FIG. 3 compares the alkaline phosphatase induction effect of hOP-1 and TGF- β on rat osteoblasts;

FIG. 4 shows the long-term effect of hOP-1 on the
20 production of alkaline posphatase by rat osteoblasts;

FIG. 5 shows the effect of hOP-1 on parathyroid hormone-mediated cAMP production using rat osteoblasts in culture;
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FIG. 6A and B graphs the effect of morphogen on osteoclastin synthesis (A), and the effect of morphogen on the rate of mineralization (B);

FIG. 7 shows Western Blot analysis of bovine colostrum using OP-1 and BMP2-specific antibodies;
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FIG. 8A and B show results of in vivo and in vitro activity assays, respectively, for mammary extract purified OP-1;

5 FIG. 9 is a photomicrograph of an immunoblot showing the presence of hOP-1 in serum; and

FIG. 10 (A and B) are photomicrographs showing new endosteum bone formation following morphogen injection
10 onto the endosteal surface (A), and new periosteum bone formation following morphogen injection onto the periosteal surface (B);

FIG. 11 is a graphic representation of the dose-
15 dependent effect of morphogen on bone resorption; and

FIG. 12 (A and B) are schematic representations of morphogen inhibition of early mononuclear phagocytic cell multinuclearization in vivo;

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Detailed Description of the Invention

It now has been discovered that the proteins described herein are effective agents for preventing loss of bone mass and/or for stimulating bone formation when provided systemically or injected directed into bone tissue in a mammal. As described herein, these proteins ("morphogens") may be used in the treatment of metabolic bone diseases and other disorders that cause an imbalance of the bone remodeling cycle, and/or which cause deterioration of the skeletal microstructure.

The invention is based on the discovery of a family of morphogenic proteins capable of inducing tissue morphogenesis in a mammal. More particularly, the invention is based on the discovery that these proteins play an important role, not only in embryogenesis, but also in the growth, maintenance and repair of bone tissue in juvenile and adult mammals.

It has been shown that implantation of a morphogen (including OP-1, CBMP2, DPP and 60A protein, and various biosynthetic constructs, such as COP5 and COP7) together with a suitable matrix in subcutaneous sites in mammals induces a sequence of cellular events which leads to the formation of fully functional new bone, as determined by the specific activity of alkaline phosphatase, calcium content and histology of day 12 implants (see, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,968,590 and 5,011,691, and USSN 667,274 and 752,857, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.) The morphogen-containing implants recruit nearby mesenchymal stem cells and trigger their differentiation into chondrocytes within 5-7 days. Upon capillary invasion, the chondrocytes hypertrophy,

become calcified and subsequently are replaced by newly formed bone within 9-12 days. The mineralized bone then is remodeled extensively and becomes occupied by ossicles filled with functional bone marrow elements by
5 14-21 days.

As described herein, the morphogens provided herein stimulate the proliferation, growth and differentiation of osteoblasts in vitro (see Examples 2-7, below), and
10 can induce bone formation in osteoporotic bone tissue in vivo when provided systemically to a mammal, or directly to bone tissue, without an associated matrix carrier (see Examples 8, 9, below.) In addition, the morphogens inhibit multinucleation of activated early
15 mononuclear phagocytic cells (see Example 12, below). Moreover, inhibition of endogenous morphogen activity can inhibit normal skeleton development in a mammal (see Example 13, below.)

20 As described in Example 1 and in detail in copending USSN 752,764 and 752,861, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference, the naturally-occurring morphogens are widely distributed in the different tissues of the body. For example, as
25 determined by northern blot hybridization, OP-1 is expressed primarily in the tissue of the urogenital tract (e.g., renal and bladder tissues). By contrast, Vgr-1, BMP3, BMP4 and BMP5 appear to be expressed primarily in the heart and lung. BMP5 also appears to
30 be expressed significantly in liver tissue. GDF-1 appears to be expressed primarily in brain tissue. (See, for example, Ozkaynak et al. (1992) JBC, in publication.) Moreover, the tissue of synthesis may differ from the natural site of action of specific
35 morphogens. For example, although OP-1 appears to be

primarily synthesized in renal tissue, the protein is active in bone tissue. In addition, at least one morphogen, OP-1, is present in a number of body fluids, including saliva, milk (including mammary gland extract, colostrum and 57-day milk) and serum (see Example 11, below.) Accordingly, without being limited to a given theory, the morphogens described herein may behave as endocrine factors, e.g., proteins secreted from a factor-producing tissue in response to particular stimuli, and capable of being transported to, and acting on, a distant tissue. These findings further distinguish morphogens from other members of the TGF- β superfamily of proteins, including TGF- β , which act as local or autocrine factors produced by the tissue on which they act.

The pro domain may function to enhance protein solubility and/or to assist in tissue targeting of morphogens to particular tissues. For example, the mature, active form of OP-1 appears to be secreted from cells in association with the pro domain of the intact sequence. Accordingly, while, as explained herein, the morphogens useful in this invention have significant amino acid sequence homologies within the active domains and are similar in their ability to induce tissue morphogenesis, without being limited to any theory, it is hypothesized that the sequence variation within the morphogenic protein family members may reflect the different specific roles each morphogen plays in specific tissues under natural occurring conditions. For example, the significant sequence variation within the pro domains may mean that these regions of the protein sequence are important for targeting specific morphogens to different tissues for morphogenic activity therein.

Accordingly, the present invention comprises two fundamental aspects. In one aspect, the methods and compositions of this invention comprise a morphogen which, when administered to an individual, is capable of inhibiting loss of bone mass and/or stimulating bone formation in the individual. In another aspect, the methods and compositions of the invention comprise a morphogen-stimulating agent which, when administered to an individual, is capable of inducing the expression and/or secretion of sufficient endogenous morphogen within the individual to provide therapeutically effective concentrations capable of inhibiting loss of bone mass and/or stimulating bone formation in the individual.

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Example 14 describes an assay for screening compounds to identify candidate morphogen-stimulating agents. A detailed description of useful screening assays for identifying candidate morphogen-stimulating agents also is provided in USSN 752,861, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Candidate agents then may be tested for their efficacy in vivo using, for example, the osteoporosis model described in Examples 8 and 9 below.

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Provided below are detailed descriptions of suitable morphogens useful in the methods and compositions of this invention, as well as methods for the administration and application of these morphogens and/or of morphogen-stimulating agents. Also provided are numerous, nonlimiting examples which 1) illustrate the suitability of the morphogens and morphogen-

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stimulating agents described herein as therapeutic agents for inhibiting abnormal bone loss and/or for enhancing bone formation in a human, and 2) provide assays with which to test candidate morphogens and
5 morphogen-stimulating agents for their efficacy.

I. Useful Morphogens

10 As defined herein a protein is morphogenic if it is capable of inducing the developmental cascade of cellular and molecular events that culminate in the formation of new, organ-specific tissue and comprises at least the conserved C-terminal six cysteine skeleton
15 or its functional equivalent (see supra). Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of all of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of progenitor cells; stimulating the
20 differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. Details of how the morphogens useful in the method of
25 this invention first were identified, as well as a description on how to make, use and test them for morphogenic activity are disclosed in USSN 667,274, filed March 11, 1991 and USSN 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated
30 by reference. As disclosed therein, the morphogens may be purified from naturally-sourced material or recombinantly produced from procaryotic or eucaryotic

host cells, using the genetic sequences disclosed therein. Alternatively, novel morphogenic sequences may be identified following the procedures disclosed therein.

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Particularly useful proteins include those which comprise the naturally derived sequences disclosed in Table II. Other useful sequences include biosynthetic constructs such as those disclosed in U.S. Pat.

10 5,011,691, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference (e.g., COP-1, COP-3, COP-4, COP-5, COP-7, and COP-16).

Accordingly, the morphogens useful in the methods
15 and compositions of this invention also may be described by morphogenically active proteins having amino acid sequences sharing 70% or, preferably, 80% homology (similarity) with any of the sequences described above, where "homology" is as defined herein
20 above.

The morphogens useful in the method of this invention also can be described by any of the 6 generic sequences described herein (Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3,
25 4, 5 and 6). Generic sequences 1 and 2 also may include, at their N-terminus, the sequence

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa (Seq. ID No. 15)

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Table II, set forth below, compares the amino acid sequences of the active regions of native proteins that have been identified as morphogens, including human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1
35 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2

(Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-23), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), BMP3 (Seq. ID No. 26), DPP (from *Drosophila*, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from *Xenopus*, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13),

5 GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14, 32 and 33), 60A protein (from *Drosophila*, Seq. ID Nos. 24 and 25), BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27) and BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28). The sequences are aligned essentially following the method of Needleman et al. (1970) *J. Mol. Biol.*, 48:443-453,

10 calculated using the Align Program (DNASTar, Inc.) In the table, three dots indicates that the amino acid in that position is the same as the amino acid in hOP-1. Three dashes indicates that no amino acid is present in that position, and are included for purposes of

15 illustrating homologies. For example, amino acid residue 60 of CBMP-2A and CBMP-2B is "missing". Of course, both these amino acid sequences in this region comprise Asn-Ser (residues 58, 59), with CBMP-2A then comprising Lys and Ile, whereas CBMP-2B comprises Ser

20 and Ile.

TABLE II

25	hOP-1	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
30	DPP	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
	Vgl	...	...	Lys	Arg	His	...	...	...
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Gly	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	...	Arg	...	Pro	...	...	...
	CBMP-2B	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
35	BMP3	...	Ala	Arg	Arg	Tyr	...	Lys	...

	GDF-1	...	Arg	Ala	Arg	Arg	...	...	...
	60A	...	Gln	Met	Glu	Thr	...	...	...
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	Arg	...	...	...	...	...	...
5		1				5				
	hOP-1	Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	hOP-2	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
	mOP-2	Ser	...	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
	DPP	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asp	...
	Vgl	Glu	...	Lys	...	Val	...	...	...	Asn
	Vgr-1	...	...	Gln	...	Val	...	...	...	...
15	CBMP-2A	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
	CBMP-2B	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
	BMP3	Asp	...	Ala	...	Ile	...	...	Ser	Glu
	GDF-1	...	...	...	Glu	Val	...	...	His	Arg
	60A	Asp	...	Lys	...	...	...	...	His	...
20	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	...	...
			10					15		
	hOP-1	Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala
25	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
	mOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
	DPP	...	...	Val	...	...	Leu	...	...	Asp
	Vgl	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Met
30	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	His
	CBMP-2B	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	Gln
	BMP3	...	...	...	Ser	...	Lys	Ser	Phe	Asp

5	GDF-1	...	Val	...	...	...	Arg	...	Phe	Leu
	60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gly
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...
				20					25	
10	hOP-1	Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ala
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ser
	mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	DPP	...	...	...	...	His	...	Lys	...	Pro
	Vgl	...	Asn	...	...	Tyr	...	...	...	Pro
	Vgr-1	...	Asn	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
	CBMP-2A	...	Phe	...	...	His	...	Glu	...	Pro
20	CBMP-2B	...	Phe	...	...	His	...	Asp	...	Pro
	BMP3	...	...	...	...	Ser	...	Ala	...	Gln
	GDF-1	...	Asn	...	...	Gln	...	Gln	...	...
	60A	...	Phe	...	...	Ser	...	...	...	Asn
25	BMP5	...	Phe	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
	BMP6	...	Asn	...	...	Asp	...	...	...	Ser
					30					35
30	hOP-1	Phe	Pro	Leu	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ala
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
30	DPP	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Phe	...	Ser
	Vgl	Tyr	...	...	Thr	Glu	Ile	Leu	...	Gly
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
30	CBMP-2B	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
	GDF-1	Leu	...	Val	Ala	Leu	Ser	Gly	Ser**	...

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5	BMP3	Met	Pro	Lys	Ser	Leu	Lys	Pro
	60A	Ala	His
	BMP5	Ala	His	Met
	BMP6	Ala	His	Met
						40				
10	hOP-1	Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	Ser	...
	mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	Ser	...
	DPP	...	...	...	...	Val	...	...	...	...
	Vgl	Ser	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	...	...
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	CBMP-2B	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP3	Ser	...	...	...	Thr	Ile	...	Ser	Ile
	GDF-1	Leu	...	...	...	Val	Leu	Arg	Ala	...
	60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		45					50			
25	hOP-1	Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Glu	Thr	Val
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Asp	...	...
	hOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asn	Ala	...
	mOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asp	Val	...
	DPP	...	Asn	Asn	Asn	...	...	Gly	Lys	...
	Vgl	...	...	Ser	...	Glu	...	...	Asp	Ile
	Vgr-1	...	...	Val	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...
	CBMP-2A	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Lys	Ile
30	CBMP-2B	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Ser	Ile
	BMP3	...	Arg	Ala**	Gly	Val	Val	Pro	Gly	Ile

5	GDF-1	Met	...	Ala	Ala	Ala	...	Gly	Ala	Ala
	60A	...	...	Leu	Leu	Glu	...	Lys	Lys	...
	BMP5	...	...	Leu	Met	Phe	...	Asp	His	...
	BMP6	...	...	Leu	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...
			55					60		
10	hOP-1	Pro	Lys	Pro	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Gln
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	Ala	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
	mOP-2	...	...	Ala	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
	DPP	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	...
	Vgl	...	Leu	...	...	...	Val	...	...	Lys
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
15	CBMP-2A	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	Glu
	CBMP-2B	...	...	Ala	...	...	Val	...	...	Glu
	BMP3	...	Glu	...	...	...	Val	...	Glu	Lys
	GDF-1	Asp	Leu	...	...	...	Val	...	Ala	Arg
	60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Arg
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys
				65					70	
25	hOP-1	Leu	Asn	Ala	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Phe
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Ser	...	Thr	...	...	...	...	Tyr
	mOP-2	...	Ser	...	Thr	...	...	...	...	Tyr
	Vgl	Met	Ser	Pro	...	...	Met	...	Phe	Tyr
	Vgr-1	Val	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	DPP	...	Asp	Ser	Val	Ala	Met	Leu
30	CBMP-2A	...	Ser	Met	Leu
	CBMP-2B	...	Ser	Met	Leu
	BMP3	Met	Ser	Ser	Leu	...	Ile	...	Phe	Tyr

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	GDF-1	...	Ser	Pro	Phe	...
	60A	...	Gly	...	Leu	Pro	His
	BMP5
	BMP6
5					75					80
	hOP-1	Asp	Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Lys
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
10	mOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
	DPP	Asn	...	Gln	...	Thr	...	Val	...	...
	Vgl	...	Asn	Asn	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
	Vgr-1	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	Glu	Asn	Glu	Lys	...	Val	...	...
15	CBMP-2B	...	Glu	Tyr	Asp	Lys	...	Val	...	...
	BMP3	...	Glu	Asn	Lys	...	...	Val	...	...
	GDF-1	...	Asn	...	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
	60A	Leu	Asn	Asp	Glu	...	...	Asn	...	...
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	BMP6	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
					85					
	hOP-1	Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg	
25	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	
	mOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	
	DPP	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	Thr	...	Val	
	Vgl	His	...	Glu	...	...	Ala	...	Asp	
30	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	Asn	...	Gln	Asp	...	...	...	Glu	
	CBMP-2B	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	...	...	Glu	
	BMP3	Val	...	Pro	...	...	Thr	...	Glu	

	GDF-1	Gln	...	Glu	Asp	...	...	Asp
	60A	...	...	...	...	Ile	...	Lys
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	Trp	...	...	...
5		90				95		

		Ala	Cys	Gly	Cys	His
	hOP-1					
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...
10	hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
	DPP	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
	Vgl	Glu	...	...	...	Arg
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...
15	CBMP-2A	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
	CBMP-2B	Gly	...	...	...	Arg
	BMP3	Ser	...	Ala	...	Arg
	GDF-1	Glu	...	...	...	Arg
	60A	Ser	...	...	...	...
20	BMP5	Ser	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...
				100		

****Between residues 56 and 57 of BMP3 is a Val residue;
between residues 43 and 44 of GDF-1 lies
the amino acid sequence Gly-Gly-Pro-Pro.**

As is apparent from the foregoing amino acid sequence comparisons, significant amino acid changes can be made within the generic sequences while retaining the morphogenic activity. For example, while the GDF-1 protein sequence depicted in Table II shares only about 50% amino acid identity with the hOP-1 sequence described therein, the GDF-1 sequence shares greater than 70% amino acid sequence homology (or "similarity") with the hOP-1 sequence, where "homology"

or "similarity" includes allowed conservative amino acid changes within the sequence as defined by Dayoff, et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure vol.5, supp.3, pp.345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l BioMed. Res. Fd'n, Washington D.C. 1979.)

The currently most preferred protein sequences useful as morphogens in this invention include those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP-1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the *Drosophila* 60A protein. Accordingly, in still another preferred aspect, the invention includes morphogens comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence referred to herein as "OPX", which defines the seven cysteine skeleton and accommodates the identities between the various identified mouse and human OP1 and OP2 proteins. OPX is presented in Seq. ID No. 29. As described therein, each Xaa at a given position independently is selected from the residues occurring at the corresponding position in the C-terminal sequence of mouse or human OP1 or OP2 (see Seq. ID Nos. 5-8 and/or Seq. ID Nos. 16-23).

II. Formulations and Methods for Administering Therapeutic Agents

The morphogens may be provided to an individual by any suitable means, preferably directly, parenterally or orally. Where the morphogen is to be provided

directly (e.g., locally, as by injection, to a bone tissue site), or parenterally, such as by intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraorbital, ophthalmic, intraventricular, intracranial, intracapsular, intraspinal, intracisternal, intraperitoneal, buccal, rectal, vaginal, intranasal or by aerosol administration, the morphogen preferably comprises part of an aqueous solution. The solution is physiologically acceptable so that in addition to delivery of the desired morphogen to the patient, the solution does not otherwise adversely affect the patient's electrolyte and volume balance. The aqueous medium for the morphogen thus may comprise normal physiologic saline (9.85% NaCl, 0.15M), pH 7-7.4. The aqueous solution containing the morphogen can be made, for example, by dissolving the protein in 50% ethanol containing acetonitrile in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) or 0.1% HCl, or equivalent solvents. One volume of the resultant solution then is added, for example, to ten volumes of phosphate buffered saline (PBS), which further may include 0.1-0.2% human serum albumin (HSA). The resultant solution preferably is vortexed extensively. If desired, a given morphogen may be made more soluble by association with a suitable molecule. For example, association of the mature dimer with the pro domain of the morphogen increases solubility of the protein significantly. In fact, the endogenous protein is thought to be transported in this form. Another molecule capable of enhancing solubility and particularly useful for oral administrations, is casein. For example, addition of 0.2% casein increases solubility of the mature active form of OP-1 by 80%. Other components found in milk and/or various serum proteins also may be useful.

Useful solutions for oral or parenteral administration may be prepared by any of the methods well known in the pharmaceutical art, described, for example, in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, (Gennaro, A., ed.), Mack Pub., 1990. Formulations may include, for example, polyalkylene glycols such as polyethylene glycol, oils of vegetable origin, hydrogenated naphthalenes, and the like. Formulations for direct administration, in particular, may include glycerol and other compositions of high viscosity. Biocompatible, preferably bioresorbable polymers, including, for example, hyaluronic acid, collagen, tricalcium phosphate, polybutyrate, lactide and lactide/glycolide copolymers, may be useful excipients to control the release of the morphogen in vivo. Other potentially useful parenteral delivery systems for these morphogens include ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer particles, osmotic pumps, implantable infusion systems, and liposomes. Formulations for inhalation administration contain as excipients, for example, lactose, or may be aqueous solutions containing, for example, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, glycocholate and deoxycholate, or oily solutions for administration in the form of nasal drops, or as a gel to be applied intranasally. Formulations for parenteral administration may also include glycocholate for buccal administration, methoxysalicylate for rectal administration, or cutric acid for vaginal administration.

Alternatively, the morphogens described herein may be administered orally. Oral administration of proteins as therapeutics generally is not practiced as most proteins readily are degraded by digestive enzymes and acids in the mammalian digestive system before they

can be absorbed into the bloodstream. However, the morphogens described herein typically are acid-stable and protease-resistant (see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590.) In addition, at least one morphogen, OP-1, has been identified in bovine mammary gland extract, colostrum and milk (see Example 10, below) as well as saliva. Moreover, the OP-1 purified from mammary gland extract has been shown to be morphogenically active. Specifically, this protein has been shown to induce endochondral bone formation in mammals when implanted subcutaneously in association with a suitable matrix material, using a standard in vivo bone assay, such as is disclosed in U.S. Pat.No. 4,968,590. In addition, endogenous morphogen also has been detected in the bloodstream (see Example 11). These findings indicate that oral and parenteral administration are viable means for administering morphogens to an individual. In addition, while the mature forms of certain morphogens described herein typically are sparingly soluble, the morphogen form found in milk (and mammary gland extract and colostrum) is readily soluble, probably by association of the mature, morphogenically active form with the pro domain of the intact sequence and/or by association with one or more milk components. Accordingly, the compounds provided herein also may be associated with molecules capable of enhancing their solubility in vitro or in vivo, including, for example, part or all of a morphogen pro domain, and casein, as described above.

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The compounds provided herein also may be associated with molecules capable of targeting the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent to bone tissue. For example, tetracycline and diphosphonates are known to bind to bone mineral, particularly at

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zones of bone remodeling, when they are provided systemically in a mammal. Alternatively, an antibody or other binding protein that interacts specifically with a surface molecule on bone tissue cells also may be used. Such targeting molecules further may be covalently associated to the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent with, for example, an acid labile bond such as an Asp-Pro linkage, using standard chemical means well known in the art. Because the local environment at bone remodeling sites is acidic, acid-labile linkages are expected to be preferentially cleaved at these sites, yielding active morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent at the desired site. Useful targeting molecules may be designed, for example, using the single chain binding site technology disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 5,091,513.

As described above, the morphogens provided herein share significant sequence homology in the C-terminal active domains. By contrast, the sequences diverge significantly in the sequences which define the pro domain. Accordingly, the pro domain may be morphogen-specific. As described above, it is also known that the various morphogens identified to date are differentially expressed in the different tissues. Accordingly, without being limited to any given theory, it is likely that, under natural conditions in the body, selected morphogens typically act on a given tissue. Accordingly, part or all of pro domains, which have been identified associated with the active form of the morphogen in solution, may serve as targeting molecules for the morphogens described herein. For example, the pro domains may interact specifically with one or more molecules at the target tissue to direct the morphogen associated with the pro domain to that

tissue. Accordingly, another useful targeting molecule for targeting morphogen to bone tissue is part or all of a morphogen pro domain, particularly part or all of the pro domains of OP-1, BMP2 or BMP4, all of which
5 proteins are found naturally associated with bone tissue.

Finally, the morphogens or morphogen-stimulating agents provided herein may be administered alone or in
10 combination with other molecules known to have a beneficial effect on maintaining appropriate bone remodeling cycles in an individual at risk for excessive bone loss. Examples of useful cofactors include vitamin D₃, calcitonin, prostaglandins,
15 parathyroid hormone, dexamethasone, estrogen and IGF.

The compounds provided herein can be formulated into pharmaceutical compositions by admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable nontoxic excipients and
20 carriers. As noted above, such compositions may be prepared for parenteral administration, particularly in the form of liquid solutions or suspensions; for oral administration, particularly in the form of tablets or capsules; or intranasally, particularly in the form of
25 powders, nasal drops, or aerosols.

The compositions can be formulated for parenteral or oral administration to humans or other mammals in therapeutically effective amounts, e.g., amounts which
30 provide appropriate concentrations of a morphogen to bone tissue for a time sufficient to inhibit loss of bone mass and/or to stimulate bone formation in individuals suffering from metabolic bone diseases and other bone remodeling disorders as described above.

Therapeutic concentrations also are sufficient to repair fractures and other defects in skeletal microstructure, and to enhance maintenance of appropriate bone mass in developing juveniles and adults, including protecting individuals at risk for bone mass deterioration.

As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, the concentration of the compounds described in a therapeutic composition will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the dosage of the drug to be administered, the chemical characteristics (e.g., hydrophobicity) of the compounds employed, and the route of administration. The preferred dosage of drug to be administered also is likely to depend on such variables as the type and extent of bone loss or defect, the overall health status of the particular patient, the relative biological efficacy of the compound selected, the formulation of the compound excipients, and its route of administration. In general terms, the compounds of this invention may be provided in an aqueous physiological buffer solution containing about 0.1 to 10% w/v compound for parenteral administration. Typical dose ranges are from about 10 ng/kg to about 1 g/kg of body weight per day; a preferred dose range is from about 0.1 μ g/kg to 100 mg/kg of body weight per day. Optimally, the morphogen dosage given in all cases is between 2-20 μ g of protein per kilogram weight of the patient per day. Currently preferred dose ranges for local injection of soluble morphogen to bone tissue are 0.1-50 μ g morphogen/injection. No obvious morphogen-induced

pathological lesions are induced when mature morphogen (e.g., OP-1, 20 μ g) is administered daily to normal growing rats for 21 consecutive days. Moreover, 10 μ g systemic injections of morphogen (e.g., OP-1) injected
5 daily for 10 days into normal newborn mice does not produce any gross abnormalities.

III. Examples

10 Example 1. Identification of Morphogen-Expressing Tissue

Determining the tissue distribution of morphogens may be used to identify different morphogens expressed
15 in a given tissue, as well as to identify new, related morphogens. Tissue distribution also may be used to identify useful morphogen-producing tissue for use in screening and identifying candidate morphogen-
stimulating agents. The morphogens (or their mRNA
20 transcripts) readily are identified in different tissues using standard methodologies and minor modifications thereof in tissues where expression may be low. For example, protein distribution may be determined using standard Western blot analysis or
25 immunofluorescent techniques, and antibodies specific to the morphogen or morphogens of interest. Similarly, the distribution of morphogen transcripts may be determined using standard Northern hybridization protocols and transcript-specific probes.

30 Any probe capable of hybridizing specifically to a transcript, and distinguishing the transcript of interest from other, related transcripts may be used. Because the morphogens described herein share such high
35 sequence homology in their active, C-terminal domains,

- the tissue distribution of a specific morphogen transcript may best be determined using a probe specific for the pro region of the immature protein and/or the N-terminal region of the mature protein.
- 5 Another useful sequence is the 3' non-coding region flanking and immediately following the stop codon. These portions of the sequence vary substantially among the morphogens of this invention, and accordingly, are specific for each protein. For example, a particularly
- 10 useful Vgr-1-specific probe sequence is the PvuII-SacI fragment, a 265 bp fragment encoding both a portion of the untranslated pro region and the N-terminus of the mature sequence (see Lyons et al. (1989) PNAS 86:4554-4558 for a description of the cDNA sequence).
- 15 Similarly, particularly useful mOP-1-specific probe sequences are the BstXI-BglI fragment, a 0.68 Kb sequence that covers approximately two-thirds of the mOP-1 pro region; a StuI-StuI fragment, a 0.2 Kb sequence immediately upstream of the 7-cysteine domain;
- 20 and the Earl-PstI fragment, an 0.3 Kb fragment containing a portion of the 3'untranslated sequence (See Seq. ID No. 18, where the pro region is defined essentially by residues 30-291.) Similar approaches may be used, for example, with hOP-1 (Seq. ID No. 16)
- 25 or human or mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 20 and 22.)

Using these morphogen-specific probes, which may be synthetically engineered or obtained from cloned sequences, morphogen transcripts can be identified in

30 mammalian tissue, using standard methodologies well known to those having ordinary skill in the art. Briefly, total RNA is prepared from various adult murine tissues (e.g., liver, kidney, testis, heart, brain, thymus and stomach) by a standard methodology

35 such as by the method of Chomczyaski et al. ((1987).

Anal. Biochem 162:156-159) and described below. Poly (A)+ RNA is prepared by using oligo (dT)-cellulose chromatography (e.g., Type 7, from Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology, Inc.). Poly (A)+ RNA (generally 15 µg) from each tissue is fractionated on a 1% agarose/formaldehyde gel and transferred onto a Nytran membrane (Schleicher & Schuell). Following the transfer, the membrane is baked at 80°C and the RNA is cross-linked under UV light (generally 30 seconds at 1 mW/cm²). Prior to hybridization, the appropriate probe is denatured by heating. The hybridization is carried out in a lucite cylinder rotating in a roller bottle apparatus at approximately 1 rev/min for approximately 15 hours at 37°C using a hybridization mix of 40% formamide, 5 x Denhardts, 5 x SSPE, and 0.1% SDS. Following hybridization, the non-specific counts are washed off the filters in 0.1 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS at 50°C.

Examples demonstrating the tissue distribution of various morphogens, including Vgr-1, OP-1, BMP2, BMP3, BMP4, BMP5, GDF-1, and OP-2 in developing and adult tissue are disclosed in co-pending USSN 752,764, and in Ozkaynak, et al., (1991) Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 179:116-123, and Ozkaynak, et al. (1992) (JBC, in press), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. Using the general probing methodology described herein, northern blot hybridizations using probes specific for these morphogens to probe brain, spleen, lung, heart, liver and kidney tissue indicate that kidney-related tissue appears to be the primary expression source for OP-1, with brain, heart and lung tissues being secondary sources. Lung tissue appears to be the primary tissue expression source for Vgr-1, BMP5, BMP4 and BMP3. Lower levels of Vgr-1 also are seen in kidney and heart

tissue, while the liver appears to be a secondary expression source for BMP5, and the spleen appears to be a secondary expression source for BMP4. GDF-1 appears to be expressed primarily in brain tissue. To
5 date, OP-2 appears to be expressed primarily in early embryonic tissue. Specifically, northern blots of murine embryos and 6-day post-natal animals shows abundant OP2 expression in 8-day embryos. Expression is reduced significantly in 17-day embryos and is not
10 detected in post-natal animals.

Example 2. Mitogenic Effect of Morphogen on Rat and Human Osteoblasts

15 The ability of a morphogen to induce proliferation of osteoblasts may be determined in vitro using the following assay. In this and all examples involving osteoblast cultures, rat osteoblast-enriched primary cultures preferably are used. Although these cultures
20 are heterogeneous in that the individual cells are at different stages of differentiation, the culture is believed to more accurately reflect the metabolism and function of osteoblasts in vivo than osteoblast culture obtained from established cell lines. Unless otherwise
25 indicated, all chemicals referenced are standard, commercially available reagents, readily available from a number of sources, including Sigma Chemical, Co., St. Louis; Calbiochem, Corp., San Diego, and Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee.

30 Rat osteoblast-enriched primary cultures were prepared by sequential collagenase digestion of newborn suture-free rat calvaria (e.g., from 1-2 day-old animals, Long-Evans strain, Charles River Laboratories,
35 Wilmington, MA), following standard procedures, such as

are described, for example, in Wong et al., (1975) PNAS 72:3167-3171. Rat osteoblast single cell suspensions then were plated onto a multi-well plate (e.g., a 48 well plate) at a concentration of 50,000 osteoblasts per well in alpha MEM (modified Eagle's medium, Gibco, Inc., Long Island) containing 10% FBS (fetal bovine serum), L-glutamine and penicillin/streptomycin. The cells were incubated for 24 hours at 37°C, at which time the growth medium was replaced with alpha MEM containing 1% FBS and the cells incubated for an additional 24 hours so that cells were in serum-deprived growth medium at the time of the experiment.

The cell culture then was divided into three groups: (1) wells which received 0.1, 1.0, 10.0, 40 and 80.0 ng of morphogen; (2) wells which received 0.1, 1.0, 10.0 and 40 ng of a local-acting growth factor; and (3) the control group, which received no growth factors. In this example, OP-1 was the morphogen tested, and TGF- β was the local-acting growth factor. The cells then were incubated for an additional 18 hours after which the wells were pulsed with 2 μ Ci/well of 3 H-thymidine and incubated for six more hours. The excess label then was washed off with a cold solution of 0.15 M NaCl, 250 μ l of 10% trichloroacetic acid then was added to each well and the wells incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes. The cells then were washed three times with cold distilled water, and lysed by the addition of 250 μ l of 1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) for a period of 30 minutes at 37°C. The cell lysates then were harvested using standard means well known in the art, and the incorporation of 3 H-thymidine into cellular DNA was determined by liquid scintillation as an indication of mitogenic activity of the cells. The results, shown

in FIG. 1, demonstrate that OP-1 (identified in the figure by squares) stimulates ³H-thymidine incorporation into DNA, and thus promotes osteoblast cell proliferation. The mitogenesis stimulated by 40 ng of OP-1 in serum-free medium was equivalent to the mitogenic effect of 10% fresh serum alone. By contrast, the effect of TGF- β (indicated by diamonds in Fig. 1) is transient and biphasic. At high concentrations, TGF- β has no significant effect on osteoblast cell proliferation. This system may be used to test other morphogens for their effect on cell proliferation.

The in vitro effect of a morphogen on osteoblast proliferation also was tested on human primary osteoblasts (obtained from bone tissue of a normal adult patient and prepared as described above) and on osteosarcoma-derived cells, and in all cases induced cell proliferation. In addition, similar experiments, performed using BMP4 (BMP2B) and BMP3 shows these morphogens also can stimulate osteoblast proliferation and growth. (See Chen et al., (1991) J. Bone and Min. Res. 6: 1387-1393, and Vukicevic, (1989) PNAS 86: 8793-8797.)

The effect of a given morphogen on bone cell growth and/or development also may be tested using a variety of bone cell markers: e.g., collagen synthesis, alkaline phosphatase activity, parathyroid hormone-mediated cyclic AMP (cAMP) production, osteocalcin synthesis, and by assessing the rate of mineralization in osteoblasts. Of these, alkaline phosphatase activity, parathyroid hormone-mediated cAMP production, osteocalcin synthesis and mineralization promotion are specific markers for the differentiated

osteoblast phenotype. Experimental systems for testing these parameters as well as collagen synthesis are described below in Examples 3-7. In all cases morphogen alone stimulated expression of these

5 phenotype-specific markers. In Examples 3-7 OP-1 was the morphogen tested. Similar experiments, performed using BMP4 (BMP2B) shows that this morphogen also induces osteoblast differentiation. (See Chen, et al. (1991) T. Bone and Min. Res. 6: 1387-1392, and

10 Vukicevic, (1989) PNAS 86: 8793-8797.)

Example 3. Effect of Morphogen on Collagen Synthesis in Rat Osteoblasts

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The effect of a morphogen on collagen production in rat osteoblasts in vitro may be determined as follows.

Rat osteoblasts were prepared and cultured in a

20 multi-well plate as described for Example 2. In this example a 24-well plate was used. The cultured cells then were divided into three groups: (1) wells which received 1, 10 or 40 ng of morphogen per ml of medium; (2) wells which received 1, 10 or 40 ng of a

25 local-acting growth factor per ml of medium; and (3) a control group which received no growth factors. In this example, OP-1 was the morphogen tested, and TGF- β was the local-acting growth factor.

30 The samples were incubated for 68 hours at 37°C with 5% CO₂ in a humidified incubator. Twenty-five (25) μ Ci of ³H proline were added into each well and incubated for six additional hours. The cells then were frozen at -20°C until the collagen assay was performed. The

35 cells then were assayed for collagen production by

detecting incorporation of ^3H -proline into total collagenase-digestible protein (CDP). The results, shown in FIG. 2, demonstrate that OP-1 stimulates type-I collagen synthesis, as measured by ^3H -proline incorporation into total CDP. Thus, OP-1 promotes collagen synthesis in vitro by preosteoblasts and mature osteoblasts.

10 Example 4. Alkaline Phosphatase Induction of Osteoblasts by Morphogen

4.1 Morphogen-specific Alkaline Phosphatase Induction

15 Since alkaline phosphatase production is an indicator of bone formation by differentiated, functional osteoblasts, a morphogen may be assessed for its potential osteogenic effects using this osteoblast marker in the following in vitro test system.

Rat osteoblasts were prepared and cultured in a multi-well plate as described for Example 2. In this example a 24-well plate was used. The cultured cells then were divided into three groups: (1) wells which received varying concentrations of morphogen; (2) wells which received varying concentrations of a local-acting growth factor; and (3) a control group which received no growth factors. In this example OP-1 was the morphogen tested at the following concentrations: 0.1, 1.0, 10.0, 40.0 or 80.0 ng/ml medium; and TGF- β was the local-acting growth factor, tested at 0.1, 1.0, 10.0, 40.0 or 80.0 ng/ml medium. The cells then were incubated for 72 hours. After the incubation period the cell layer was extracted with 0.5 ml of 1% Triton

X-100. The resultant cell extract was centrifuged, 100 μ l of the extract was added to 90 μ l of paranitrosophenylphosphate (PNPP)/glycerine mixture and incubated for 30 minutes in a 37°C water bath and the reaction stopped with 100 μ l NaOH. The samples then were run through a plate reader (e.g., Dynatech MR700 plate reader, and absorbance measured at 400 nm, using p-nitrophenol as a standard) to determine the presence and amount of alkaline phosphate activity. Protein concentrations were determined by the Biorad method. Alkaline phosphatase activity was calculated in units/ μ g protein, where 1 unit=1 nmol p-nitrophenol liberated/30 minutes at 37°C.

The results, shown in FIG. 3, illustrate that morphogen alone stimulates the production of alkaline phosphatase in osteoblasts, and thus promotes the growth and expression of the osteoblast differentiated phenotype. In the figure, squares represent OP-1 concentrations, and diamonds represent TGF- β concentrations.

4.2. Long Term Effect of Morphogen on the Production of Alkaline Phosphatase by Rat Osteoblasts

In order to determine the long term effect of a morphogen on the production of alkaline phosphatase by rat osteoblasts, the following assay may be performed.

Rat osteoblasts were prepared and cultured in multi-well plates as described in Example 2. In this example six sets of 24 well plates are plated with 50,000 rat osteoblasts per well. The wells in each

plate, prepared as described above, then were divided into three groups: (1) those which received 1 ng of morphogen per ml of medium; (2) those which received 40 ng of morphogen/ml of medium; and (3) those which received 80 ng of morphogen/ml of medium. Each plate then was incubated for different lengths of time: 0 hours (control time), 24 hours, 48 hours, 96 hours, 120 hours and 144 hours. After each incubation period, the cell layer was extracted with 0.5 ml of 1% Triton X-100. The resultant cell extract was centrifuged, and alkaline phosphatase activity determined as for Example 4, using paranitrosophenylphosphate (PNPP). The results, shown in FIG. 4, illustrate that morphogen alone stimulates the production of alkaline phosphatase in osteoblasts, that increasing doses of OP-1 further increase the level of alkaline phosphatase production, and that the morphogen-stimulated elevated levels of alkaline phosphatase in the treated osteoblasts lasts for an extended period of time. In the figure, circles represent 1 ng OP-1; squares, 40 ng OP-1; and diamonds, 80 ng OP-1.

Example 5. Morphogen-Induced Parathyroid Hormone Mediated cAMP Production in Rat Osteoblasts

The effect of a morphogen on parathyroid hormone-mediated cAMP production in rat osteoblasts in vitro may be determined as follows.

Rat osteoblasts were prepared and cultured in a multiwell plate as described for Example 2 above. In this example a 24-well plate was used. The cultured cells then were divided into three groups: (1) wells which received varying concentrations of morphogen (in

this example, OP-1, at 1.0, 10.0 and 40.0 ng/ml medium); (2) wells which received varying concentrations of a local-acting growth factor (in this example, TGF- β , at 0.1, 1.0, and 5.0 ng/ml medium); and
5 (3) a control group which received no growth factors. The plate was then incubated for another 72 hours. At the end of the 72 hours the cells were treated with medium containing 0.5% bovine serum albumin (BSA) and 1mM 3-isobutyl-1-methyl xanthine for 20 minutes
10 followed by the addition into half of the wells of human recombinant parathyroid hormone (hPTH, Sigma, St. Louis) at a concentration of 200ng/ml for 10 minutes. The cell layer was extracted from each well with 0.5 ml of 1% Triton X-100. The cAMP levels
15 were then determined using a radioimmunoassay kit (Amersham, Arlington Heights, Illinois). The results, shown in FIG. 5, demonstrate that morphogen alone stimulates an increase in the PTH-mediated cAMP response, and thus promotes the growth and expression
20 of the osteoblast differentiated phenotype.

Example 6. Effect of Morphogen on Osteocalcin
Synthesis and the Rate of Mineralization by
25 Osteoblasts in Culture

Osteocalcin is a bone-specific protein synthesized by osteoblasts which plays an integral role in the rate of bone mineralization in vivo. Circulating levels of
30 osteocalcin in serum are used as a marker for osteoblast activity and bone formation in vivo. Induction of osteocalcin synthesis in osteoblast-enriched cultures can be used to assay morphogen efficacy in vitro.

Rat osteoblasts are prepared and cultured in a multi-well plate as for Example 2. In this example cells were cultured in a 24-well plate. In this experiment the medium was supplemented with 10%FBS, and
5 on day 2, cells were fed with fresh medium supplemented with fresh 10 mM β -glycerophosphate (Sigma, Inc.). Beginning on day 5 and twice weekly thereafter, cells were fed with a complete mineralization medium containing all of the above components plus fresh L(+)-
10 ascorbate, at a final concentration of 50 μ g/ml medium. Morphogen then was added to the wells directly. In this example, OP-1 in 50% acetonitrile (or 50% ethanol) containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) was added at no more than 5 μ l morphogen/ml medium. Control wells
15 received solvent vehicle only. The cells then were re-fed and the conditioned medium sample diluted 1:1 in standard radioimmunoassay buffer containing standard protease inhibitors and stored at -20° C until assayed for osteocalcin. Osteocalcin synthesis then was
20 measured by standard radioimmunoassay using a commercially available rat osteocalcin-specific antibody.

Mineralization was determined on long term cultures (13
25 day) using a modified von Kossa staining technique on fixed cell layers: cells were fixed in fresh 4% paraformaldehyde at 23° C for 10 mn, following rinsing cold 0.9% NaCl. Fixed cells then were stained for endogenous alkaline phosphatase at pH 9.5 for 10 min,
30 using a commercially available kit (Sigma, Inc.) Purple stained cells then were dehydrated with methanol and air dried. after 30 min incubation in 3% AgNO₃ in

the dark, H₂O-rinsed samples were exposed for 30 sec to 254 nm UV light to develop the black silver-stained phosphate nodules. Individual mineralized foci (at least 20 μ m in size) were counted under a dissecting microscope and expressed as nodules/culture (see Fig. 6B).

As can be seen in Fig. 6A OP-1 stimulates osteocalcin synthesis in osteoblast cultures. The increased osteocalcin synthesis in response to OP-1 is dose dependent and showed a 5-fold increase over the basal level using 25 ng of OP-1/10 ml medium after 13 days of incubation. The enhanced osteocalcin synthesis also can be confirmed by detecting the elevated osteocalcin mRNA message (20-fold increase) using a rat osteocalcin-specific probe. In addition, the increase in osteocalcin synthesis correlates with increased mineralization in long term osteoblast cultures as determined by the appearance of mineral nodules (compare Fig. 6A and 6B.) OP-1 increases the initial mineralization rate about 20-fold compared to untreated cultures. Similar experiments performed using TGF- β indicate that TGF- β does not induce osteocalcin synthesis or promote the mineralization process. Thus, morphogen alone promotes the growth and expression of the osteoblast differentiated phenotype.

Example 7. Effect of Morphogen on Bone Derived Growth Factor Induction in vitro

IGF-I and IGF-II are bone-derived growth factors involved in coupling bone formation with bone resorption in the bone remodeling cycle. The effect of

morphogen on the production of these and other bone-derived growth factors, including TGF- β , may be evaluated using the following procedure.

5 Rat or human osteoblasts were prepared and cultured in a multiwell plate as for Example 2. The wells of the plate were divided in to groups in which different concentrations of morphogen were added (e.g., 0, 1, 10, and 100 ng). In this example, OP-1 was the morphogen
10 used. The plate then was incubated for a prescribed period of time, e.g., 72 hours, and the level of IGF detected, e.g., by immunolocalization, using a commercially available antibody specific for IGFs. OP-1 induced the level of both IGF-I and IGF-II
15 significantly. Greater than six fold IGF-I and two fold IGF-II were induced following exposure to 100 ng OP-1/ml. In addition, OP-1 stimulated production of the IGF-I stimulating factor, BP3 (IGF-I binding protein 3).

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Example 8. Effect of Morphogen on Trabecular Bone in Ovariectomized (OVX) Rats

As indicated above, serum alkaline phosphatase and
25 osteocalcin levels are indicators of bone formation within an individual. In order to determine the effect of a morphogen on bone production in vivo, these parameters are measured under conditions which promote osteoporosis, e.g., wherein osteoporosis is induced by
30 ovary removal in rats.

Forty Long-Evans rats (Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington) weighing about 200g each are ovariectomized (OVX) using standard surgical procedures, and ten rats
35 are sham-operated. The ovariectomization of the rats

produces an osteoporotic condition within the rats as a result of decreased estrogen production. Food and water are provided ad libitum. Eight days after ovariectomy, the rats, prepared as described above, were divided into five groups: (A), 10 sham-operated rats; (B), 10 ovariectomized rats receiving 1 ml of phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) i.v. in the tail vein; (C) 10 ovariectomized rats receiving about 1 mg of $17\beta E_2$ ($17\text{-}\beta\text{-estradiol } E_2$) by intravenous injection through the tail vein; (D) 9 ovariectomized rats receiving daily injections of approximately $2\mu\text{g}$ of morphogen by tail vein for 22 days; and (E) 9 ovariectomized rats receiving daily injections of approximately $20\mu\text{g}$ of morphogen by tail vein for 22 days. In this example, OP-1 was the morphogen tested.

On the 15th and 21st day of the study, each rat was injected with 5 mg of tetracycline, and on day 22, the rats were sacrificed. The body weights, uterine weights, serum alkaline phosphate levels, serum calcium levels and serum osteocalcin levels then were determined for each rat. The results are shown in Tables III and IV.

Table III

Body Weights, Uterine Weights and Alkaline Phosphatase

Group	<u>Body Weights</u> (g)	<u>Uterine Weights</u> (g)	<u>Alk. Phosphatase</u> (U/L)
5 A-SHAM	250.90 \pm 17.04	0.4192 \pm 0.10	43.25 \pm 6.11
B-OVX+PBS	273.40 \pm 16.81	0.1650 \pm 0.04	56.22 \pm 6.21
C-OVX+E2	241.66 \pm 21.54	0.3081 \pm 0.03	62.66 \pm 4.11
D-OVX+OP-1 (2 μ g)	266.67 \pm 10.43	0.1416 \pm 0.03	58.09 \pm 12.97
10 E-OVX+OP-1 (20 μ g)	272.40 \pm 20.48	0.1481 \pm 0.05	66.24 \pm 15.74

TABLE IV15 Serum Calcium and Serum Osteocalcin Levels

Group	<u>Serum Calcium</u> (ng/dl)	<u>Serum Osteocalcin</u> (ng/ml)
20 A-SHAM	8.82 \pm 1.65	64.66 \pm 14.77
B-OVX+PBS	8.95 \pm 1.25	69.01 \pm 10.20
C-OVX+E2	9.20 \pm 1.39	67.13 \pm 17.33
D-OVX+OP-1 (2 μ g)	8.77 \pm 0.95	148.50 \pm 84.11
25 E-OVX+OP-1 (20 μ g)	8.67 \pm 1.94	182.42 \pm 52.11

The results presented in Table III and IV show that intravenous injection of morphogen into ovariectomized rats produces a significant increase in serum alkaline phosphatase and serum osteocalcin levels and demonstrates that systemic administration of the morphogen stimulates bone formation in osteoporotic bone.

Example 9. Histomorphometric Analysis of Morphogen
on the Tibia Diaphysis in Ovariectomized
(OVX) Rats

- 5 Fifteen female Long-Evans rats weighing about 160 g
were ovariectomized (OVX) to produce an osteoporotic
condition and five rats were sham operated (Charles
River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA.) as described for
Example 8. Food and water were provided ad libitum.
- 10 Twenty-two days after ovariectomy, the rats were
divided into four groups: (A) sham-operated (1 ml of
PBS by intravenous injection through tail vein (5
rats); (B) OVX, into which nothing was injected (5
rats); (C) OVX, receiving about 1 mg of $17\beta E_2$ by
15 intravenous injection through the tail vein
(5 rats), and (D) OVX, receiving about 1 μg of
morphogen by intravenous injection through the tail
vein (5 rats). In this example, OP-1 was morphogen
tested.
- 20 The rats were injected daily as described for seven
days, except no injections were given on the thirteenth
day. The rats then were sacrificed on the nineteenth
day. The tibial diaphyseal long bones then were
25 removed and fixed in ethanol and histomorphometric
analysis was carried out using standard procedures well
known in the art. The results are shown in Table V.

Table V

MEASUREMENT	(A) CONTROL	(B) OVX	(C) OVX + E ₂	(D) OVX + OP-1
5 Longitudinal Growth Rate ($\mu\text{m}/\text{day}$)	20.2 \pm 0.3	19.4 \pm 0.2	4.9 \pm 0.5	17.9 \pm 0.9
10 Cancellous Bone Volume (BV/TV, bone vol/total vol)	20.2 \pm 1.5	13.0 \pm 1.6	13.7 \pm 2.1	16.6 \pm 1.8
Cancellous Bone Perimeter (mm)	16.2 \pm 1.8	9.6 \pm 0.9	11.5 \pm 1.1	12.2 \pm 0.7
15 Labeled Cancellous Perimeter (%)	35.5 \pm 1.5	51.9 \pm 5.6	58.0 \pm 4.2	39.2 \pm 1.9
Mineral Apposition Rate ($\mu\text{m}/\text{day}$)	1.76 \pm 0.14	2.25 \pm 0.16	1.87 \pm 0.08	1.86 \pm 0.20

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The results presented in Table V confirm the results of Example 8, that intravenous injection of OP-1 into ovariectomized rats stimulates bone growth for bone which had been lost due to the drop in

25 estrogen within the individual rat. Specifically, the inhibition of cancellous bone volume in OVX rats is repaired by the systemically provided morphogen. In addition, in morphogen-treated rats the labelled cancellous perimeter and mineral apposition rate now

30 return to levels measured in the control, sham-operated rats. Moreover, morphogen treatment does not inhibit longitudinal bone growth, unlike estrogen treatment, which appears to inhibit bone growth significantly.

Accordingly, systemic administration of a morphogen in therapeutically effective concentrations effectively inhibits loss of bone mass in a mammal without inhibiting natural bone formation.

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Example 10. Determination of the Presence of Morphogen in Body Fluids

OP-1 has been identified in saliva, human blood
10 serum, and various milk forms, including mammary gland extract, colostrum, and 57-day bovine milk. Moreover, as described below, the body fluid extracted protein is morphogenically active. The discovery that the morphogen naturally is present in milk, together with
15 the known observation that mature, active OP-1 is acid-stable and protease-resistant, indicate that oral administration is a useful route for therapeutic administration of morphogen to a mammal. Oral administration typically is the preferred mode of
20 delivery for extended or prophylactic therapies. In addition, the identification of morphogen in all milk forms, including colostrum, indicates that the protein plays a significant role in tissue development, including skeletal development of juveniles (see
25 Example 13, below).

10.1 Morphogen Detection in Milk

OP-1 was partially purified from rat mammary gland
30 extract and bovine colostrum and 57 day milk by passing these fluids over a series of chromatography columns: (e.g., cation-exchange, affinity and reverse phase). At each step the eluant was collected in fractions and these were tested for the presence of OP-1 by standard
35 immunoblot. Immunoreactive fractions then were

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combined and purified further. The final, partially purified product then was examined for the presence of OP-1 by Western blot analysis using OP-1-specific antisera, and tested for in vivo and in vitro activity.

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OP-1 purified from the different milk sources were characterized by Western blotting using antibodies raised against OP-1 and BMP2. Antibodies were prepared using standard immunology protocols well known in the art, and as described generally in Example 14, below, using full-length E. coli-produced OP-1 and BMP2 as the immunogens.

As shown in Fig. 7 OP-1 purified from colostrum reacts with the anti-OP-1 antibody, but not with anti-BMP2 antibody. In Fig. 7 lane 1 contains reduced, purified, recombinantly-produced OP-1; lane 2 contains purified bovine colostrum, and lane 3 contains reduced COP-16, a biosynthetic construct having morphogenic activity and an amino acid sequence modeled on the proteins described herein, but having highest amino acid sequence homology with BMP2 (see US Pat. No. 5,011,691 for the COP-16 amino acid sequence.) In Fig. 7A the gel was probed with anti-OP-1 antibody; in Fig. 17B, the gel was probed with anti-BMP2 antibody. As can be seen in the figure, anti-OP-1 antibody hybridizes only with protein in lanes 1 and 2, but not 3; while anti-BMP2 antibody hybridizes with lane 3 only.

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Column-purified mammary gland extract and 57-day milk also reacts specifically with anti-OP-1 antibodies, including antibody raised against the full length E. coli OP-1, full length mammalian-produced OP-1, and the OP-1 Ser-17-Cys peptide (e.g., the OP-1 N-terminal 17 amino acids).

The morphogenic activity of OP-1 purified from mammary gland extract was evaluated in vivo as follows.

10 A sample was prepared from each OP-1 immunoreactive fraction of the mammary gland extract-derived OP-1 final product by lyophilizing a portion (33%) of the fraction and resuspending the protein in 220 μ l of 50% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA. After vortexing, 25 mg of

15 collagen matrix was added. The samples were lyophilized overnight, and implanted in Long Evans rats (Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA, 28-35 days old). Each fraction was implanted in duplicate. For details of the collagen matrix implantation procedure,

20 see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590, hereby incorporated by reference. After 12 days, the implants were removed and evaluated for new bone formation by histological observation.

25 The results are presented in Fig.8A, where "% activity" refers to the percent of bone formation/total area covered by bone in the histology sample. In the figure, solid bars represent implants using mammary extract-derived OP-1, each bar corresponding to an

30 immunoreactive fraction of the purified product, the fraction number being indicated on the x-axis. The hatched bar represents an implant using recombinantly produced OP-1 (600 ng). As can be seen in the figure, all immunoreactive fractions are osteogenically active.

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Similarly, the morphogenic activity of OP-1 purified from mammary gland extract was evaluated in vitro by measuring alkaline phosphatase activity in vitro using the following assay. Test samples were prepared as for the in vivo assay, using 15-20% of individual immunoreactive fractions collected from the final product. Alkaline phosphatase activity was tested as described above in Example 4. The results, presented in Fig. 8B, indicate that the immunoreactive fractions can stimulate alkaline phosphatase activity in vitro. Moreover, the activity correlates well with that produced by highly purified, recombinantly produced, OP-1. In Fig. 8B solid bars represent assays performed with mammary gland-purified OP-1, each bar corresponding to an immunoreactive fraction of column-purified OP-1, the fraction numbers being indicated on the x-axis; the hatched bar represents the assay performed with purified, recombinantly-produced OP-1 (100 ng ml); and the cross-hatched bar represents background.

10.2 Morphogen Detection in Serum

Morphogen may be detected in serum using morphogen-specific antibodies. The assay may be performed using any standard immunoassay, such as Western blot (immunoblot) and the like. Preferably, the assay is performed using an affinity column to which the morphogen-specific antibody is bound and through which the sample serum then is poured, to selectively extract the morphogen of interest. The morphogen then is eluted. A suitable elution buffer may be determined empirically by determining appropriate binding and elution conditions first with a control (e.g., purified, recombinantly-produced morphogen.) Fractions

- then are tested for the presence of the morphogen by standard immunoblot, and the results confirmed by N-terminal sequencing. Preferably, the affinity column is prepared using monoclonal antibodies. Morphogen
- 5 concentrations in serum or other fluid samples then may be determined using standard protein quantification techniques, including by spectrophotometric absorbance or by quantitation of conjugated antibody.
- 10 Presented below is a sample protocol for identifying OP-1 in serum. Following this general methodology other morphogens may be detected in body fluids, including serum. The identification of morphogen in serum further indicates that systemic
- 15 administratrion is a suitable means for providing therapeutic concentrations of a morphogen to an individual, and that morphogens likely behave systemically as endocrine-like factors. Finally, using this protocol, fluctuations in endogenous morphogen
- 20 levels can be detected, and these altered levels may be used as an indicator of bone tissue dysfunction. Alternatively, fluctuations in morphogen levels may be assessed by monitoring morphogen transcription levels, either by standard northern blot analysis as described
- 25 in Example 1, or by in situ hybridization, using a labelled probe capable of hybridizing specifically to morphogen RNA, and standard RNA hybridization protocols well described in the art and described generally in Example 1.
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- OP-1 was detected in human serum using the following assay. A monoclonal antibody raised against mammalian, recombinantly produced OP-1 using standard immunology techniques well described in the art and
- 35 described generally in Example 14, was immobilized by

passing the antibody over an agarose-activated gel (e.g., Affi-Gel™, from Bio-Rad Laboratories, Richmond, CA, prepared following manufacturer's instructions) and used to purify OP-1 from serum. Human serum then was

5 passed over the column and eluted with 3M K-thiocyanate. K-thiocyanate fractions then were dialyzed in 6M urea, 20mM PO₄, pH 7.0, applied to a C8 HPLC column, and eluted with a 20 minute, 25-50% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA gradient. Mature, recombinantly

10 produced OP-1 homodimers elute between 20-22 minutes. Fractions then were collected and tested for the presence of OP-1 by standard immunoblot using an OP-1 specific antibody as for Example 10.A. Fig. 9 is an immunoblot showing OP-1 in human sera under reducing

15 and oxidized conditions. In the figure, lanes 1 and 4 are OP-1 standards, run under oxidized (lane 1) and reduced (lane 4) conditions. Lane 5 shows molecular weight markers at 17, 27 and 39 kDa. Lanes 2 and 3 are human sera OP-1, run under oxidized (lane 2) and

20 reduced (lane 3) conditions.

Morphogens may be used in diagnostic applications by comparing the quantity of morphogen present in a body fluid sample with a predetermined reference value,

25 with fluctuations in fluid morphogen levels indicating a change in the status of bone tissue. Alternatively, fluctuations in the level of endogenous morphogen antibodies may be detected by this method, most likely in serum, using an antibody or other binding protein

30 capable of interacting specifically with the endogenous morphogen antibody. Detected fluctuations in the levels of the endogenous antibody may be used as indicators of a change in tissue status.

Example 11. Morphogen-induced Periosteal and
Endosteal Bone Formation

Osteoclast-induced bone resorption occurs primarily
5 at the endosteal surface of bone tissue. Accordingly,
in bone remodeling disorders the marrow cavity is
enlarged unnaturally, weakening the weight bearing
capacity of the remaining bone. The following example
provides means for evaluating the ability of the
10 morphogens described herein to increase endosteal and
periosteal bone mass in a mammal. In this example,
both periosteal and endosteal bone formation are
induced by direct injection of a morphogen in a
biocompatible solution directly to the bone tissue. As
15 demonstrated below, morphogens can induce new bone
formation and increase bone mass at both surfaces when
provided to the bone by direct injection. Direct
injection may be a preferred mode of administration for
providing therapeutically effective concentrations to
20 reduce an enlarged marrow cavity, and/or to repair
fractures and other damage to bone tissue
microstructure.

Morphogen was provided to either the periosteum
25 (outer or peripheral bone surface) and endosteum
(interior bone surface, e.g., that surface lining the
marrow cavity) of a rat femur by a single injection in
each case. Specifically, morphogen (e.g., OP-1, 2-20
 μg) was provided to the bone tissue as an insoluble
30 colloidal suspension in phosphate-buffered saline.
Endosteal injection was performed through a microhole
made with a hand-held orthopedic drill. After 7 days,
the treated bones were removed and prepared for
histological evaluation as described in U.S. Pat.
35 No. 4,968,590. As little as 2 μg morphogen is

sufficient to induce new bone formation at the site of injection within 4-7 days. In addition, bone induction is dose-dependent. Photomicrographs of the histology are presented in Fig. 10. In the figure, "ob" means old bone, "bm" means bone marrow, "nb" means new bone, and "m" means muscle. Fig. 10A shows new bone formed following injection of morphogen to the endosteal surface. As can be seen in the figure, new bone has formed within the bone marrow cavity, filling in the periphery of the cavity. Fig 10B shows new bone formed following injection of morphogen to the periosteal surface, replacing the muscle normally present.

15 Example 12. Effect of Morphogen on Bone Resorption

The effect of morphogen on bone resorption may be evaluated using rat osteoclasts on bovine bone slices, in the presence and absence of morphogen, and the effect of morphogen on pit formation (resorption index) determined. Under standard conditions rat osteoclasts begin resorbing the bone tissue, causing pit formation on the bone slice surface. In this experiment OP-1 was the morphogen tested, at concentrations of 0, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50, and 100 ng/ml.

The results are presented in figure 11, where the resorption index is calculated as a percent of the control (e.g., bone resorption in the absence of morphogen), calculated as the number of pits per a given slice surface area. Below 40 ng bone resorption is enhanced; above 40 ng, OP-1 has no apparent effect on bone resorption. The results highlight the integral role the morphogen plays in bone remodeling. OP-1 is

stored in bone tissue in vivo. In a normal bone remodeling cycle, the local concentration of OP-1 at the surface likely is low when osteoclasts begin resorbing bone, and the low concentration may enhance
5 and/or stimulate bone resorption. As resorption continues, the local concentration of OP-1 at the surface likely increases, to a concentration that no longer has an effect on osteoclasts, but continues to affect osteoblast growth and activity (see
10 Examples 2-7), stimulating bone growth.

In addition, morphogens can inhibit multinucleation of mononuclear phagocytic cells under conditions where these cells normally would be activated. For example,
15 in the absence of morphogen, an implanted substrate material (e.g., implanted subcutaneously) composed of, for example, mineralized bone, a ceramic such as titanium oxide or any other substrate that provokes multinucleated giant cell formation, rapidly becomes
20 surrounded by multinucleated giant cells, e.g., activated phagocytes stimulated to respond and destroy the foreign object. In the presence of morphogen however, the recruited cells remain in their mononuclear precursor form and the matrix material is
25 undisturbed. Figure 12 illustrates this effect of morphogens, in a schematic representation of histology results of a titanium oxide substrate implanted subcutaneously. In the figure, "mg" means multinucleated giant cells and "ob" means osteoblasts. The substrate
30 represented in Fig. 12B was implanted together with morphogen (OP-1) and newly formed osteoblasts are evident surrounding the substrate. By contrast, the substrate represented in Fig. 12A was implanted without morphogen and extensive multinucleated giant cell
35 formation is evident surrounding the substrate.

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The effect of the morphogens described herein on bone growth in developing mammals also may be evaluated using neutralizing antibodies specific for particular morphogens and assessing the effect of these antibodies on bone development. Specifically, anti-morphogen monoclonal and/or polyclonal antibodies may be prepared using standard methodologies including, for example, the protocol provided in Example 14, below.

Similarly, morphogen activity may be assessed in fetal development in the mouse model using the following assay. Single lip injections comprising 10-100 μ g/injection of morphogen-specific antibody are administered to pregnant female mice during each day of the gestation period and bone development in treated and control new mice evaluated by standard histomorphometric analysis at birth. Similarly, single

lip injections also may be provided to juvenile and adult mice (e.g., 10-100 μ g) over a prolonged time (e.g., 10-15 days) to evaluate the effect on bone growth and bone integrity and to evaluate the onset of osteoporosis. The antibodies are anticipated to inhibit tissue morphogenesis, including bone growth and bone development, in the developing embryos.

Example 14. Screening Assay for Candidate Compounds which Alter Endogenous Morphogen Levels

Candidate compound(s) which may be administered to affect the level of a given morphogen may be found using the following screening assay, in which the level of morphogen production by a cell type which produces measurable levels of the morphogen is determined with and without incubating the cell in culture with the compound, in order to assess the effects of the compound on the cell. This can be accomplished by detection of the morphogen either at the protein or RNA level. A detailed description also may be found in USSN 752,861, incorporated hereinabove by reference.

14.1 Growth of Cells in Culture

Cell cultures of kidney, adrenals, urinary bladder, brain, or other organs, may be prepared as described widely in the literature. For example, kidneys may be explanted from neonatal or new born or young or adult rodents (mouse or rat) and used in organ culture as whole or sliced (1-4 mm) tissues. Primary tissue cultures and established cell lines, also derived from kidney, adrenals, urinary, bladder, brain, mammary, or other tissues may be established in multiwell plates (6 well or 24 well) according to conventional cell culture

techniques, and are cultured in the absence or presence of serum for a period of time (1-7 days). Cells may be cultured, for example, in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle medium (Gibco, Long Island, NY) containing serum (e.g., fetal calf serum at 1%-10%, Gibco) or in serum-deprived medium, as desired, or in defined medium (e.g., containing insulin, transferrin, glucose, albumin, or other growth factors).

10 Samples for testing the level of morphogen production includes culture supernatants or cell lysates, collected periodically and evaluated for morphogen production by immunoblot analysis (Sambrook et al., eds., 1989, Molecular Cloning, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY), or a portion of the cell culture itself, collected periodically and used to prepare polyA+ RNA for RNA analysis. To monitor de novo morphogen synthesis, some cultures are labeled according to conventional procedures with an ³⁵S-methionine/³⁵S-cysteine mixture for 6-24 hours and then evaluated for morphogenic protein synthesis by conventional immunoprecipitation methods.

25 14.2 Determination of Level of Morphogenic Protein

In order to quantitate the production of a morphogenic protein by a cell type, an immunoassay may be performed to detect the morphogen using a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody specific for that protein. For example, OP-1 may be detected using a polyclonal antibody specific for OP-1 in an ELISA, as follows.

1 µg/100 µl of affinity-purified polyclonal rabbit IgG specific for OP-1 is added to each well of a 96-well plate and incubated at 37°C for an hour. The

wells are washed four times with 0.167M sodium borate buffer with 0.15 M NaCl (BSB), pH 8.2, containing 0.1% Tween 20. To minimize non-specific binding, the wells are blocked by filling completely with 1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in BSB and incubating for 1 hour at 37°C. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. A 100 μ l aliquot of an appropriate dilution of each of the test samples of cell culture supernatant is added to each well in triplicate and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. After incubation, 100 μ l biotinylated rabbit anti-OP-1 serum (stock solution is about 1 mg/ml and diluted 1:400 in BSB containing 1% BSA before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. 100 μ l streptavidin-alkaline (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc. Birmingham, Alabama, diluted 1:2000 in BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20 before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The plates are washed four times with 0.5M Tris buffered Saline (TBS), pH 7.2. 50 μ l substrate (ELISA Amplification System Kit, Life Technologies, Inc., Bethesda, MD) is added to each well incubated at room temperature for 15 min. Then, 50 μ l amplifier (from the same amplification system kit) is added and incubated for another 15 min at room temperature. The reaction is stopped by the addition of 50 μ l 0.3 M sulphuric acid. The OD at 490 nm of the solution in each well is recorded. To quantitate OP-1 in culture media, a OP-1 standard curve is performed in parallel with the test samples.

Polyclonal antibody may be prepared as follows. Each rabbit is given a primary immunization of 100 μ g/500 μ l E. coli-produced OP-1 monomer (amino acids

- 328-431 in SEQ ID NO:5) in 0.1% SDS mixed with 500 μ l Complete Freund's Adjuvant. The antigen is injected subcutaneously at multiple sites on the back and flanks of the animal. The rabbit is boosted after a month in
- 5 the same manner using incomplete Freund's Adjuvant. Test bleeds are taken from the ear vein seven days later. Two additional boosts and test bleeds are performed at monthly intervals until antibody against OP-1 is detected in the serum using an ELISA assay.
- 10 Then, the rabbit is boosted monthly with 100 μ g of antigen and bled (15 ml per bleed) at days seven and ten after boosting.

- Monoclonal antibody specific for a given morphogen
- 15 may be prepared as follows. A mouse is given two injections of E. coli produced OP-1 monomer. The first injection contains 100 μ g of OP-1 in complete Freund's adjuvant and is given subcutaneously. The second injection contains 50 μ g of OP-1 in incomplete adjuvant
- 20 and is given intraperitoneally. The mouse then receives a total of 230 μ g of OP-1 (amino acids 307-431 in SEQ ID NO:5) in four intraperitoneal injections at various times over an eight month period. One week prior to fusion, both mice are boosted
- 25 intraperitoneally with 100 μ g of OP-1 (307-431) and 30 μ g of the N-terminal peptide (Ser₂₉₃-Asn₃₀₉-Cys) conjugated through the added cysteine to bovine serum albumin with SMCC crosslinking agent. This boost was repeated five days (IP), four days (IP), three days
- 30 (IP) and one day (IV) prior to fusion. The mouse spleen cells are then fused to commercially available myeloma cells at a ratio of 1:1 using PEG 1500 (Boeringer Mannheim, Germany), and the cell fusion is plated and screened for OP-1-specific antibodies using
- 35 OP-1 (307-431) as antigen. The cell fusion and

monoclonal screening then are according to standard procedures well described in standard texts widely available in the art.

5 Other Embodiments

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The present embodiments are
10 therefore to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency
15 of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

Other embodiments of the invention are within the following claims.

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(A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ix) **FEATURE:**

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Each Xaa

indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α -amino acids or a derivative thereof.

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

40 45 50

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys

55 60

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

65 70

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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 Xaa Cys Xaa
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 2

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: Each Xaa
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 occurring L-isomer, α -amino acids
 or a derivative thereof.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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 20 25
 Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa
 30 35

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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
40                               45                               50
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                               55                               60
Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
                               75                               80
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Xaa Cys Xaa
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 3

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each
Xaa is independently selected from
a group of one or more specified
amino acids as defined in the
specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

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Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe
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 40 45
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 55 60
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 85 90
 Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 4

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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 20 25
 Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
 30 35
 Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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 45 50
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: hOP-1 (mature form)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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10					15					
Glu	Ala	Leu	Arg	Met	Ala	Asn	Val	Ala		
	20					25				
Glu	Asn	Ser	Ser	Ser	Asp	Gln	Arg	Gln		
		30					35			
Ala	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val		
			40					45		
Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp		
				50						
Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala		
55					60					
Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ala		
	65					70				
Phe	Pro	Leu	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ala		
		75					80			
Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu		
			85					90		

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Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Glu	Thr	Val	
				95					
Pro	Lys	Pro	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Gln	
100					105				
Leu	Asn	Ala	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Phe	
	110					115			
Asp	Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Lys	
		120					125		
Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg	Ala	
			130					135	
Cys	Gly	Cys	His						

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: mOP-1 (mature form)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Ser	Thr	Gly	Gly	Lys	Gln	Arg	Ser	Gln	
1				5					
Asn	Arg	Ser	Lys	Thr	Pro	Lys	Asn	Gln	
10					15				
Glu	Ala	Leu	Arg	Met	Ala	Ser	Val	Ala	
	20					25			
Glu	Asn	Ser	Ser	Ser	Asp	Gln	Arg	Gln	
		30					35		

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Ala	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val
			40					45
Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp
			50					
Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala
					60			
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			65				70	
Phe	Pro	Leu	Asn	Ser	Tyr	Met	Asn	Ala
			75				80	
Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu
			85					90
Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Asp	Thr	Val
								95
Pro	Lys	Pro	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Gln
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Leu	Asn	Ala	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Phe
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Asp	Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Lys
			120				125	
Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg	Ala
			130					135
Cys	Gly	Cys	His					

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: hOP-2 (mature form)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ser	65	70
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Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Arg	120	125
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: mOP-2 (mature form)

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		30					35		
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			40					45	
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		75					80		
Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Leu	Gln	Ser	Leu	
			85					90	

Val	His	Leu	Met	Lys	Pro	Asp	Val	Val	
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Pro	Lys	Ala	Cys	Cys	Ala	Pro	Thr	Lys	
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Leu	Ser	Ala	Thr	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Tyr	
	110					115			
Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Arg	
		120					125		
Lys	His	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Lys	Ala	
			130					135	
Cys	Gly	Cys	His						

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 96 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP2A(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

Cys	Lys	Arg	His	Pro	Leu	Tyr	Val	Asp	Phe	Ser
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		15					20			
Pro	Gly	Tyr	His	Ala	Phe	Tyr	Cys	His	Gly	Glu
		25					30			
Cys	Pro	Phe	Pro	Leu	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	Asn	Ser
		35					40			

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Thr Asn His Ala Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn
 45                      50                      55
Ser Val Asn Ser Lys Ile Pro Lys Ala Cys Cys
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Asn Tyr Gln Asp Met Val Val Glu Gly Cys Gly
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Cys Arg
100

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(A) LENGTH: 101 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP2B(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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      10                      15
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      20                      25
Phe Tyr Cys His Gly Asp Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu
      30                      35

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Ala Asp His Leu Asn Ser Thr Asn His Ala Ile
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Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn Ser Val Asn Ser Ser
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Ser Ala Ile Ser Met Leu Tyr Leu Asp Glu Tyr
                      75                      80
Asp Lys Val Val Leu Lys Asn Tyr Gln Glu Met
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Val Val Glu Gly Cys Gly Cys Arg
                      95                      100

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(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: DPP(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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Asp Val Gly Trp Asp Asp Trp Ile Val Ala Pro
                      15                      20
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 45 50 55
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 60 65
 Cys Val Pro Thr Gln Leu Asp Ser Val Ala Met
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 Gly Cys Arg
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(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgl(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

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 Gln Gly Tyr Met Ala Asn Tyr Cys Tyr Gly Glu
 25 30

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Cys Pro Tyr Pro Leu Thr Glu Ile Leu Asn Gly
 35 40
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 Ser Ile Glu Pro Glu Asp Ile Pro Leu Pro Cys
 60 65
 Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Met Ser Pro Ile Ser Met
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 Leu Phe Tyr Asp Asn Asn Asp Asn Val Val Leu
 80 85
 Arg His Tyr Glu Asn Met Ala Val Asp Glu Cys
 90 95
 Gly Cys Arg
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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgr-1(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Gln
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 25 30

Cys Ser Phe Pro Leu Asn Ala His Met Asn Ala
 35 40
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 45 50 55
 Val Met Asn Pro Glu Tyr Val Pro Lys Pro Cys
 60 65
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 106 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: protein
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
- (A) ORGANISM: human
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN

(ix) FEATURE:

- (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
- /product= "GDF-1 (fx)"

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 30 35 40

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Gly Pro Pro Ala Leu Asn His Ala Val Leu Arg Ala Leu Met His
 45 50 55

Ala Ala Ala Pro Gly Ala Ala Asp Leu Pro Cys Cys Val Pro Ala
 60 65 70

Arg Leu Ser Pro Ile Ser Val Leu Phe Phe Asp Asn Ser Asp Asn
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Cys Arg
 105

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 5 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
 1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1822 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS
 (F) TISSUE TYPE: HIPPOCAMPUS

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 49..1341
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:/standard_name= "hOP1"

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CAG GTG CTC CAG GAG CAC TTG GGC AGG GAA TCG GAT CTC TTC CTG CTC Gln Val Leu Gln Glu His Leu Gly Arg Glu Ser Asp Leu Phe Leu Leu 200 205 210	681

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 431 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /Product="OP1-PP"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:

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 Pro His Arg Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro
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Gly Pro Gly Gly Gln Gly Phe Ser Tyr Pro Tyr Lys Ala Val Phe Ser
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 Ser Val Tyr Gln Val Leu Gln Glu His Leu Gly Arg Glu Ser Asp Leu
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 His Asn Leu Gly Leu Gln Leu Ser Val Glu Thr Leu Asp Gly Gln Ser
 245 250 255
 Ile Asn Pro Lys Leu Ala Gly Leu Ile Gly Arg His Gly Pro Gln Asn
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 Lys Gln Pro Phe Met Val Ala Phe Phe Lys Ala Thr Glu Val His Phe
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 355 360 365

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 370 375 380

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Leu Asn Ala Ile Ser Val Leu Tyr Phe Asp Asp Ser Ser Asn Val Ile
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1873 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 - (A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: EMBRYO
- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 104..1393
 - (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "MOP1 (CDNA)"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:

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Leu Phe Leu Leu Arg Ser Ala Leu Ala Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Asn Glu	
25 30 35	
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Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser Gln Glu Arg Arg	
40 45 50	

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CGC CCG CAC CTC CAG GGA AAG CAT AAT TCG GCG CCC ATG TTC ATG TTG Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro Met Phe Met Leu 70 75 80	355
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 430 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP1-PP"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:

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 Leu Asp Asn Glu Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser
 35 40 45
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 Pro His Arg Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro
 65 70 75 80
 Met Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr Asn Ala Met Ala Val Glu Glu Ser Gly
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 Pro Asp Gly Gln Gly Phe Ser Tyr Pro Tyr Lys Ala Val Phe Ser Thr
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 Gln Gly Pro Pro Leu Ala Ser Leu Gln Asp Ser His Phe Leu Thr Asp
 115 120 125
 Ala Asp Met Val Met Ser Phe Val Asn Leu Val Glu His Asp Lys Glu
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Lys Asp Tyr Ile Arg Glu Arg Phe Asp Asn Glu Thr Phe Gln Ile Thr
180 185 190

Val Tyr Gln Val Leu Gln Glu His Ser Gly Arg Glu Ser Asp Leu Phe
195 200 205

Leu Leu Asp Ser Arg Thr Ile Trp Ala Ser Glu Glu Gly Trp Leu Val
210 215 220

Phe Asp Ile Thr Ala Thr Ser Asn His Trp Val Val Asn Pro Arg His
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Gln Pro Phe Met Val Ala Phe Phe Lys Ala Thr Glu Val His Leu Arg
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Ser Ile Arg Ser Thr Gly Gly Lys Gln Arg Ser Gln Asn Arg Ser Lys
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Thr Pro Lys Asn Gln Glu Ala Leu Arg Met Ala Ser Val Ala Glu Asn
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325 330 335

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1723 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: HIPPOCAMPUS

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 490..1696
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "hOP2 (cDNA)"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 402 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "hOP2-PP"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

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 Arg Phe Asp Leu Thr Gln Ile Pro Ala Gly Glu Ala Val Thr Ala Ala
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305 310 315 320

Ala Pro Gln Gly Tyr Ser Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu Cys Ser Phe
325 330 335

Pro Leu Asp Ser Cys Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Ser
340 345 350

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355 360 365

Pro Thr Lys Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Val Leu Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Ser Asn
370 375 380

Asn Val Ile Leu Arg Lys His Arg Asn Met Val Val Lys Ala Cys Gly
385 390 395 400

Cys His

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1926 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
- (F) TISSUE TYPE: EMBRYO

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 93..1289
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "mOP2 cDNA"

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CCGACCAGCT ACCAGTGGAT GCGCGCCGGC TGAAAGTCCG AG ATG GCT ATG CGT 104
Met Ala Met Arg
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Pro Gly Pro Leu Trp Leu Leu Gly Leu Ala Leu Cys Ala Leu Gly Gly
5 10 15 20

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 399 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP2-PP"

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 35 40 45
 Val Leu Gly Leu Pro Gly Arg Pro Arg Pro Arg Ala Gln Pro Ala Ala
 50 55 60 65
 Ala Arg Gln Pro Ala Ser Ala Pro Leu Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr His Ala
 70 75 80
 Met Thr Asp Asp Asp Asp Gly Gly Pro Pro Gln Ala His Leu Gly Arg
 85 90 95
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 100 105 110
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 115 120 125 130

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1368 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 1..1368
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /STANDARD NAME="60A"

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

- (A) AUTHORS: WHARTON, KRISTI A.; THOMSEN, GERALD H.; GELBERT, WILLIAM M.
- (B) TITLE: DROSOPHILA 60A GENE...
- (C) JOURNAL: PROC. NAT'L ACAD. SCI. USA
- (D) VOLUME: 88
- (E) RELEVANT RESIDUES IN SEQ ID NO:3: FROM 1 TO 1368
- (F) PAGES: 9214-9218
- (G) DATE: OCT - 1991

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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Ala Val Glu Ala Thr Gln Ser Gly Ile Tyr Ile Asp Asn Gly Lys Asp	
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Gln Thr Ile Met His Arg Val Leu Ser Glu Asp Asp Lys Leu Asp Val	
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Ser Tyr Glu Ile Leu Glu Phe Leu Gly Ile Ala Glu Arg Pro Thr His	
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85 90 95	
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 455 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

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- (A) LENGTH: 104 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: Protein
- (B) LOCATION: 1..104
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note="BMP3"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

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20      25      30
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35      40      45
Thr Ile Gln Ser Ile Val Ala Arg Ala Val Gly Val Val Pro Gly Ile
50      55      60
Pro Glu Pro Cys Cys Val Pro Glu Lys Met Ser Ser Leu Ser Ile Leu
65      70      75      80
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85      90      95
Thr Val Glu Ser Cys Ala Cys Arg
100

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: Protein
- (B) LOCATION: 1..102
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "BMP5"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

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1      5      10      15

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 Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Leu Asn Ala Ile Ser Val Leu Tyr Phe
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 100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: Protein
- (B) LOCATION: 1..102
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "BMP6"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

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 1 5 10 15
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 Glu Cys Ser Phe Pro Leu Asn Ala His Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala
 35 40 45
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 85 90 95

Arg Ala Cys Gly Cys His
 100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: Protein

(B) LOCATION: 1..102

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= OPX

/note= "WHEREIN XAA AT EACH POS'N IS INDEPENDENTLY
 SELECTED FROM THE RESIDUES OCCURRING AT THE
 CORRESPONDING POS'N IN THE C-TERMINAL SEQUENCE OF MOUSE
 OR HUMAN OP1 OR OP2 (SEE SEQ. ID NOS. 5,6,7 and 8 or
 16,18,20 and 22.)"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

Cys Xaa Xaa His Glu Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe Xaa Asp Leu Gly Trp Xaa
 1 5 10 15

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Glu Cys Xaa Phe Pro Leu Xaa Ser Xaa Met Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala
 35 40 45

Ile Xaa Gln Xaa Leu Val His Xaa Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Val Pro Lys
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Xaa Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Xaa Leu Xaa Ala Xaa Ser Val Leu Tyr Xaa
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Xaa Ala Cys Gly Cys His
 100

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acids
- (C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME: Generic Sequence 5
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:

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          10
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15             20
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Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

65

Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa

70

75

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa

80

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85

90

Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa

95

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Generic Sequence 6

(D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is
independently selected from a group of one
or more specified amino acids as defined in
the specification.

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

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1

5

10

Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa

15

Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala

20

25

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      40
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      100

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1238 base pairs, 372 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid, amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (iii) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 - (A) ORGANISM: human
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN
- (iv) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION:
 - (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
 - /product= "GDF-1"
 - /note= "GDF-1 CDNA"

(x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:
 (A) AUTHORS: Lee, Se-Jin
 (B) TITLE: Expression of Growth/Differentiation Factor 1
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What is claimed is:

1. A therapeutic treatment method for preventing loss of bone mass or increasing bone mass in an individual, the method comprising:

administering to the individual a therapeutically effective morphogen in an amount and for a time sufficient to prevent loss of or to increase bone mass in said individual.

2. A therapeutic treatment method for preventing loss of bone mass or for increasing bone mass in an individual, comprising:

administering an agent that stimulates in vivo the effective concentration of a naturally occurring morphogen in said individual sufficient to prevent loss of or to increase bone mass in said individual.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said loss of bone mass results from a metabolic bone disease.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said metabolic bone disease comprises osteoporosis or osteomalacia.

5. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said loss of bone mass results from an imbalance in bone resorption or bone formation.

6. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said loss of bone mass results from an imbalance of calcium or phosphate metabolism.
7. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said loss of bone mass results from a vitamin D imbalance in the individual.
8. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said loss of bone mass is nutritionally or hormonally induced.
9. The method of claim 4 wherein said osteoporosis is postmenopausal or senile osteoporosis.
10. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 70% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).
11. The method of claim 10 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 80% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).
12. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).

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13. The method of claim 12 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
14. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
15. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).
16. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).
17. A method for repairing defects in bone tissue microstructure resulting from a metabolic bone disease, the method comprising:

administering to an individual a therapeutically effective morphogen in an amount and for a time sufficient to repair defects in said microstructure.
18. A method for repairing defects in bone tissue microstructure resulting from a metabolic bone disease, the method comprising:

administering an agent capable of stimulating in vivo the effective concentration of a naturally occurring morphogen sufficient to repair said defects.

19. The method of claim 17 or 18 wherein said metabolic bone disease comprises osteoporosis or osteomalacia.
20. A method for protecting an individual at risk for loss of bone mass, the method comprising:

providing to the individual a therapeutically effective morphogen in an amount and for a time sufficient to protect said individual from loss of bone mass.
21. A method for protecting an individual at risk for loss of bone mass, the method comprising:

providing to the individual an agent that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of a naturally occurring morphogen sufficient to protect said individual from loss of bone mass.
22. The method of claim 20 or 21 wherein said individual is a postmenopausal female or is undergoing dialysis.
23. The method of claim 20 or 21 wherein said individual is at risk for loss of bone mass as a result of senile osteoporosis.
24. The method of claim 17, 18, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 70% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).

25. The method of claim 24 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 80% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).
26. The method of claim 17, 18, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
27. The method of claim 26 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
28. The method of claim 17, 18, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
29. The method of claim 17, 18, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).
30. The method of claim 17, 18, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).

31. The method of claim 1, 2, 17, 18, 20 or 21, wherein said morphogen or said morphogen-stimulating agent is provided to the individual by oral administration.
32. The method of claim 1, 2, 17, 18, 20 or 21, wherein said morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent is provided to the individual by parenteral administration.
33. The method of claim 1, 17, or 20 wherein said morphogen is provided to said individual in association with a molecule capable of enhancing the solubility of said morphogen.
34. The method of claim 33 wherein said molecule comprises casein or part or all of the pro domain of a morphogen.
35. The method of claim 34 wherein said pro domain comprises part or all of the sequence described by residues 30 to 292 of Seq. ID No. 16.
36. The method of claim 1, 17, or 20 wherein said morphogen is provided to the individual in association with a molecule capable of targeting said morphogen to bone tissue.
37. The method of claim 36 wherein said targeting molecule comprises tetracycline, diphosphonates, or an antibody that binds specifically to a molecule on the surface of bone tissue cells.

38. The method of claim 2, 18 or 21 wherein said morphogen-stimulating agent is provided to the individual in association with a molecule capable of targeting said agent to morphogen-producing or morphogen-secreting tissue.
39. A morphogen useful in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical for use in a treatment for preventing loss of bone mass or for increasing bone mass in an individual.
40. A therapeutic agent useful in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical for use in a treatment for preventing loss of bone mass or for increasing bone mass in an individual, the agent being capable of stimulating in vivo an effective concentration of a naturally occurring morphogen, sufficient to prevent loss of or to increase bone mass in the individual.
41. The pharmaceutical of claim 39 or 40 for use in a treatment to prevent bone loss due to a metabolic bone disease.
42. The pharmaceutical of claim 39 or 40 for use in a treatment to prevent bone loss due to an imbalance in bone resorption or bone formation.
43. The pharmaceutical of claim 41 for use in treating osteomalacia or osteoporosis.
44. A morphogen useful in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical for use in a treatment for protecting an individual at risk for loss of bone mass.

45. A therapeutic agent useful in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical for use in a treatment for protecting an individual at risk for loss of bone mass, the agent being capable of stimulating in vivo an effective concentration of a naturally occurring morphogen sufficient to protect said individual from loss of bone mass.
46. The pharmaceutical of claim 44 or 45 for use in a treatment to protect an individual at risk for loss of bone mass as a result of senile osteoporosis.
47. The pharmaceutical of claim 44 or 45 for use in a treatment of an individual at risk for loss of bone mass as a result of undergoing dialysis.
48. The pharmaceutical of claim 39, 40, 44 or 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 70% homology with a sequence selected from the group consisting of OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).
49. The pharmaceutical of claim 48 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 80% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vgl(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx), BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx) and 60A(fx).
50. The pharmaceutical of claim 39, 40, 44 or 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).

51. The pharmaceutical of claim 50 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
52. The pharmaceutical of claim 39, 40, 44 or 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
53. The pharmaceutical of claim 39, 40, 44 or 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).
54. The pharmaceutical of claim 39, 40, 44 or 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).
55. A composition useful in a treatment to prevent loss of bone mass or to increase bone mass in an individual, the composition comprising a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent in association with a bone tissue targeting molecule.
56. The composition of claim 55 wherein said bone tissue targeting molecule comprises tetracycline, a diphosphonate, or an antibody or antibody fragment that binds specifically to a molecule on the surface of bone tissue cells.

57. A composition useful in a treatment to prevent loss of bone mass or to increase bone mass in an individual, the composition comprising a morphogen or morphogen stimulating agent in association with a cofactor.
58. The composition of claim 57 wherein said cofactor is selected from the group consisting of vitamin D₃, calcitonin, a prostaglandin, parathyroid hormone, dexamethasone, estrogen and IGF.
59. The composition of claim 55 wherein said composition is provided to said individual in association with a molecule capable of enhancing the solubility of said morphogen.

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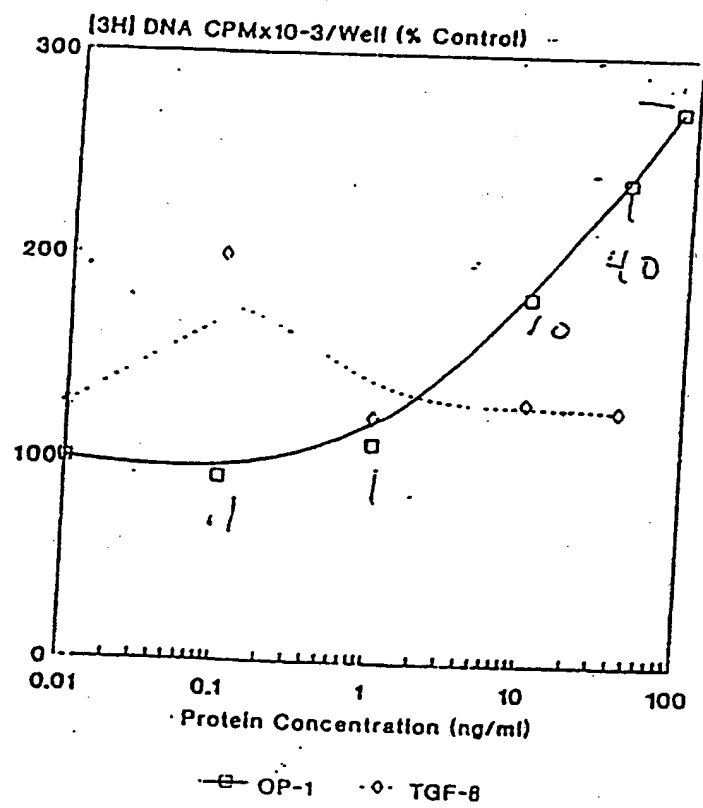


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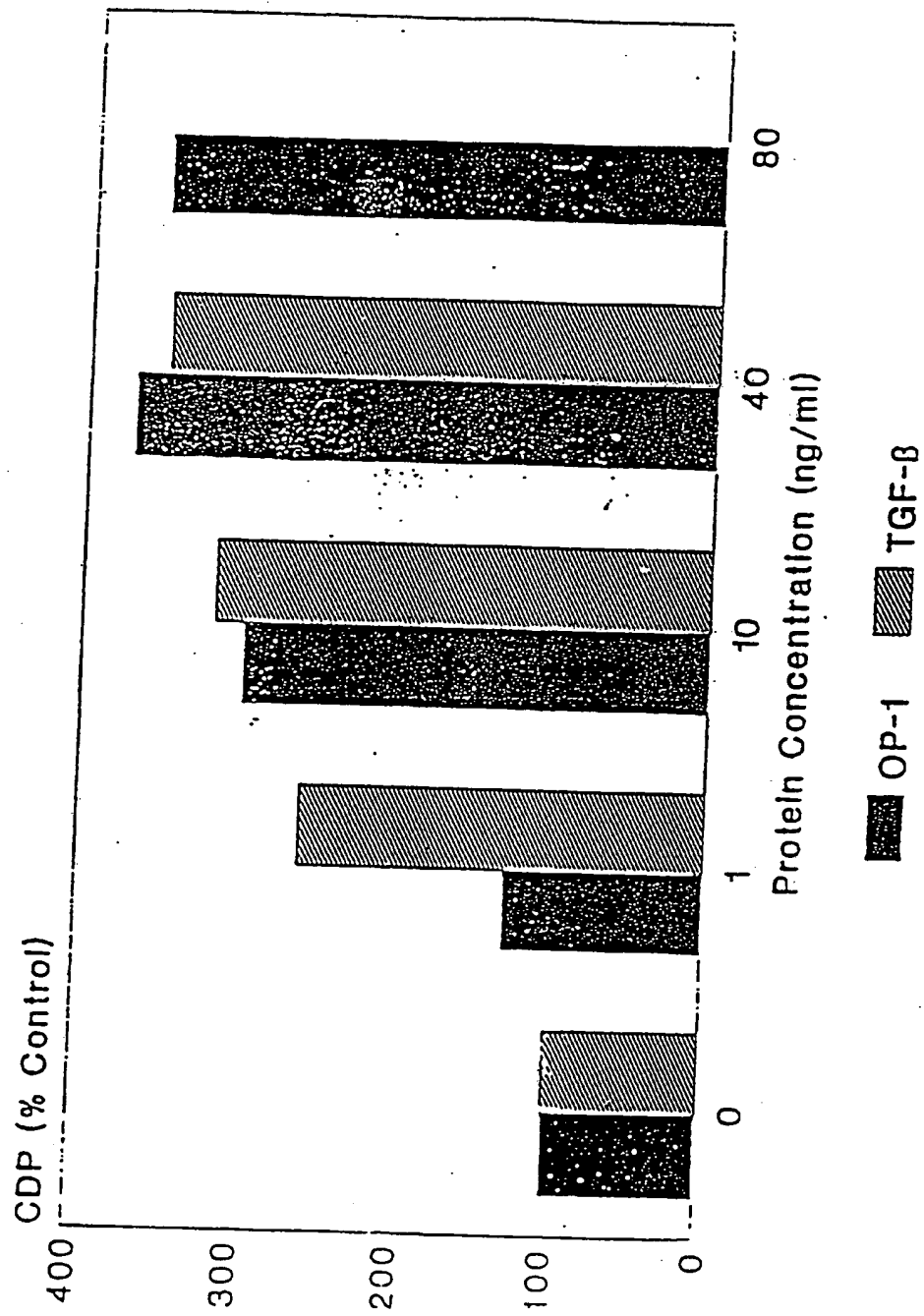


Figure 2

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Figure 3

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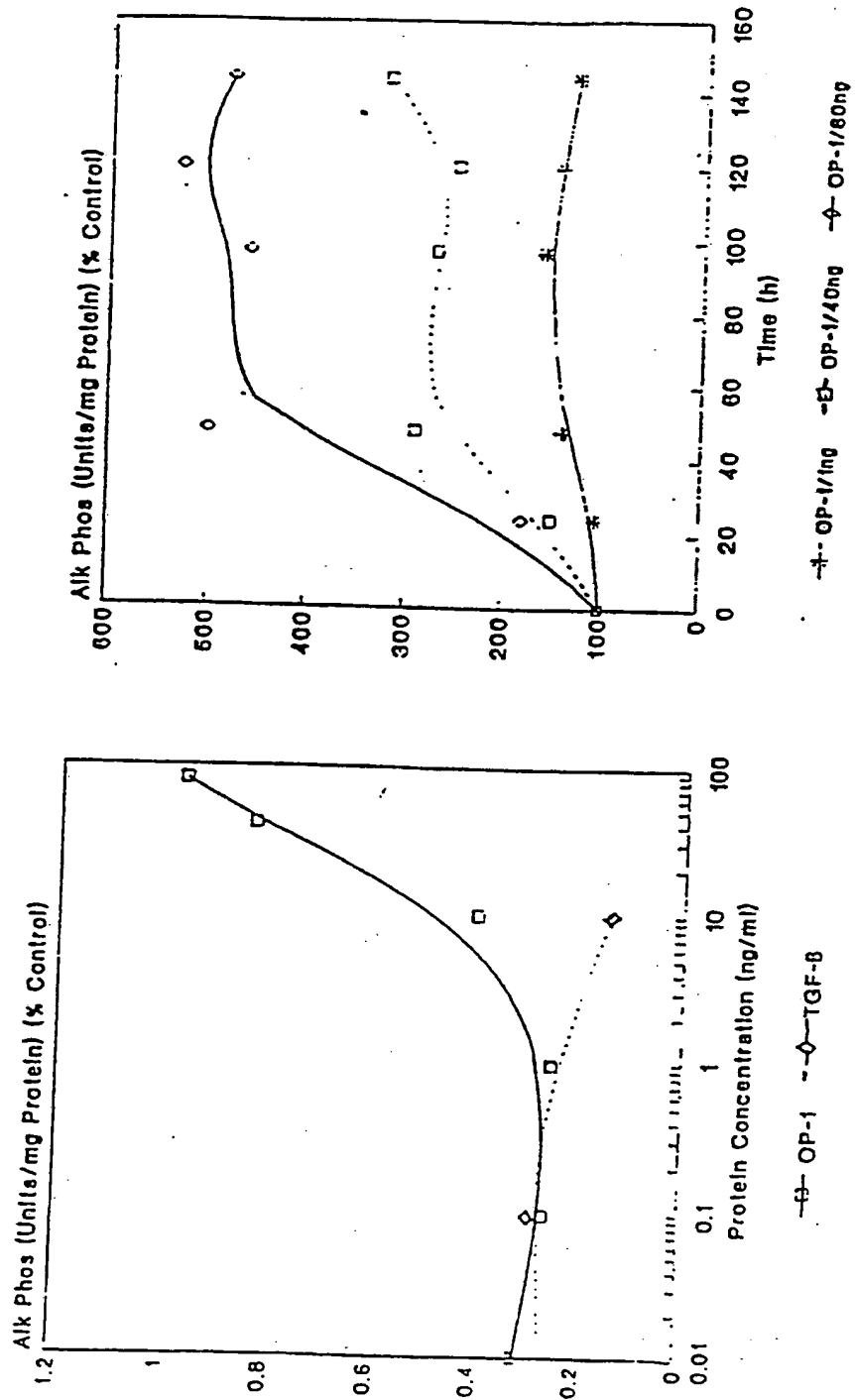


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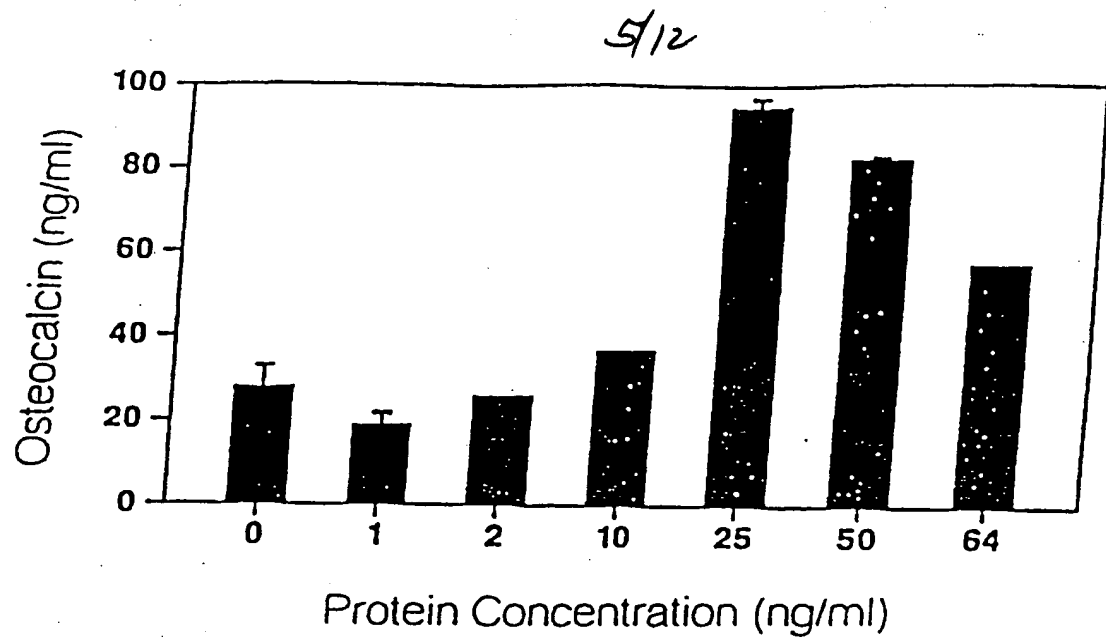


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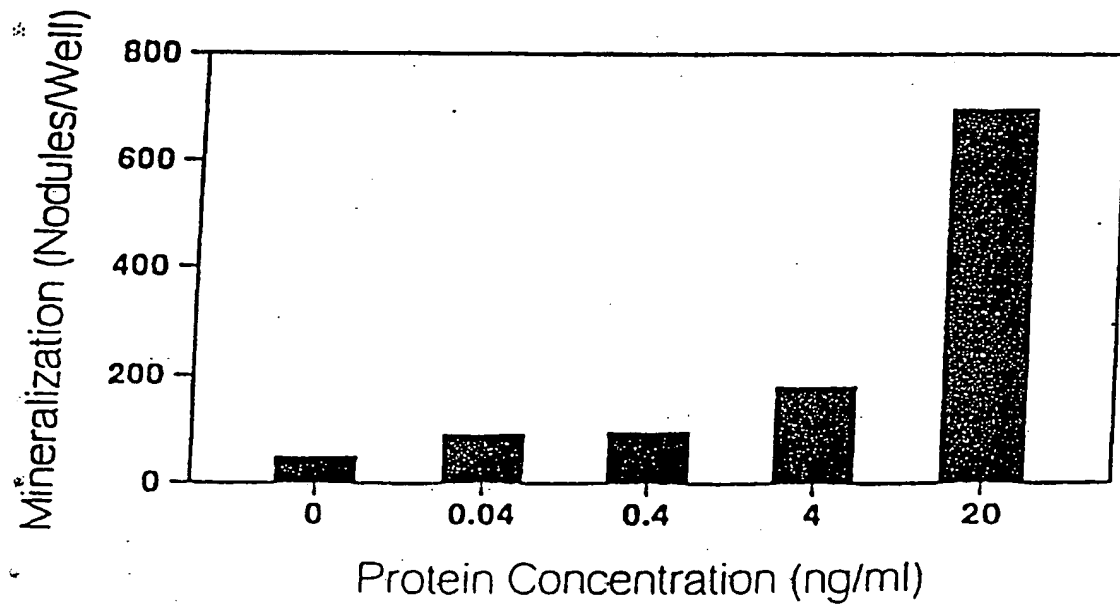


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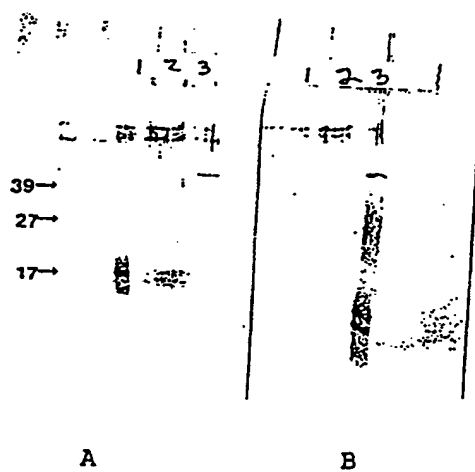


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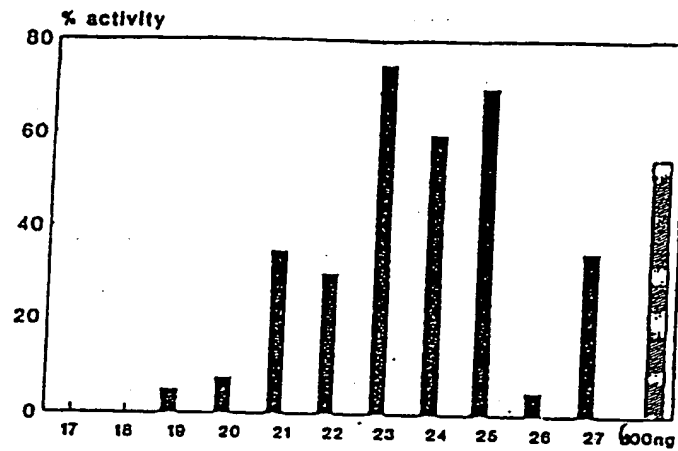


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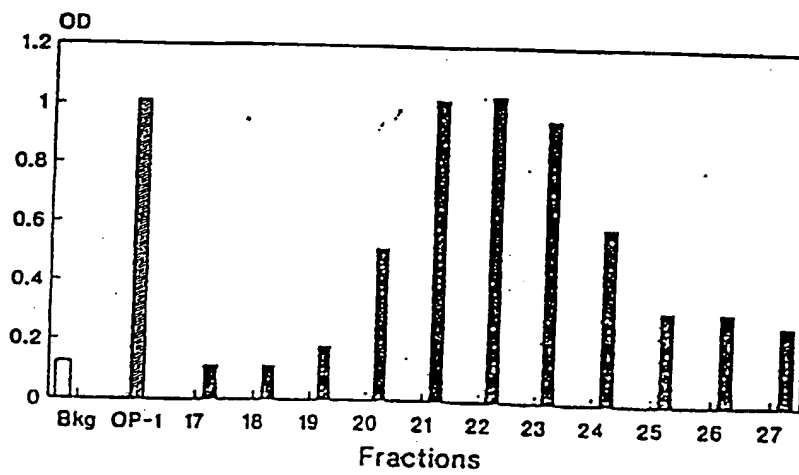
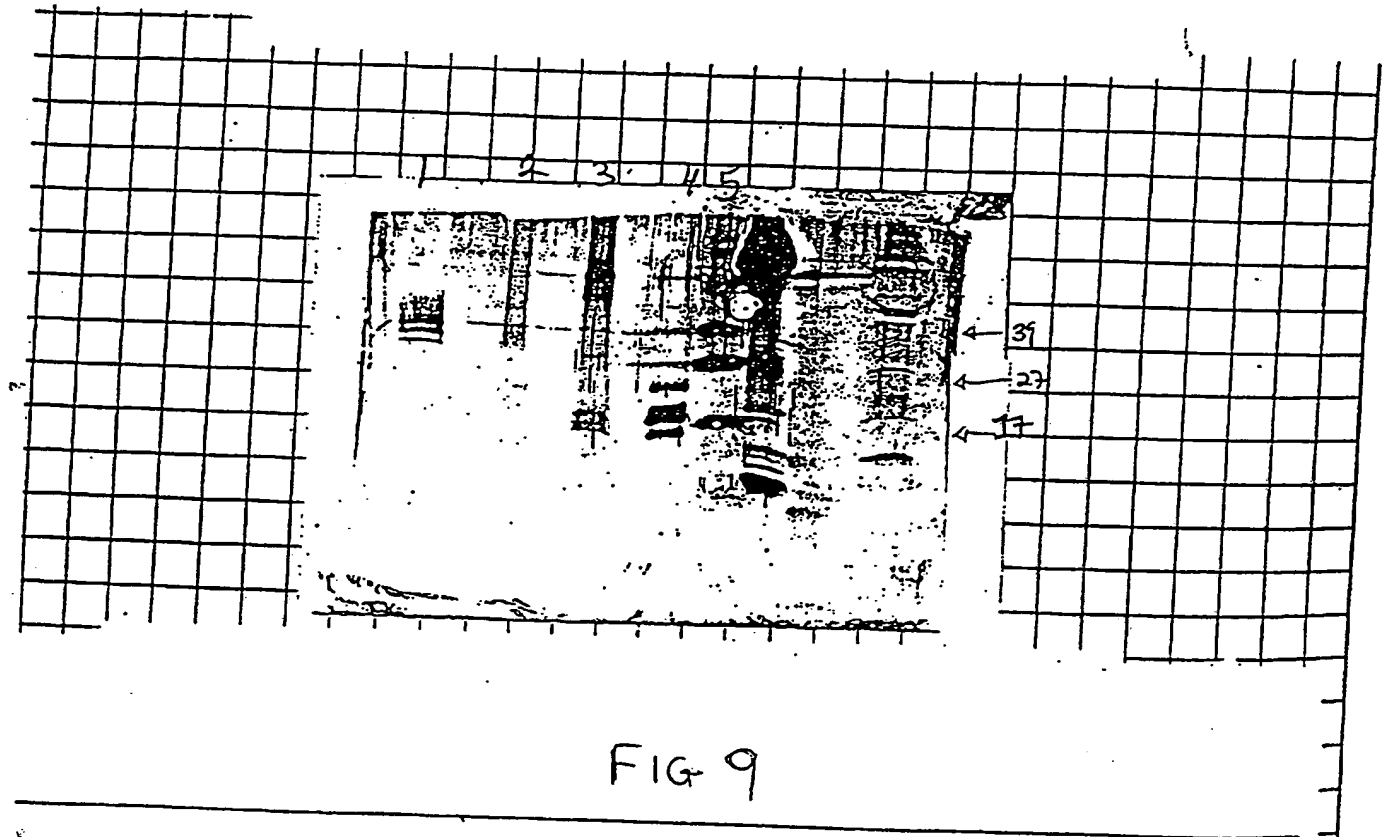


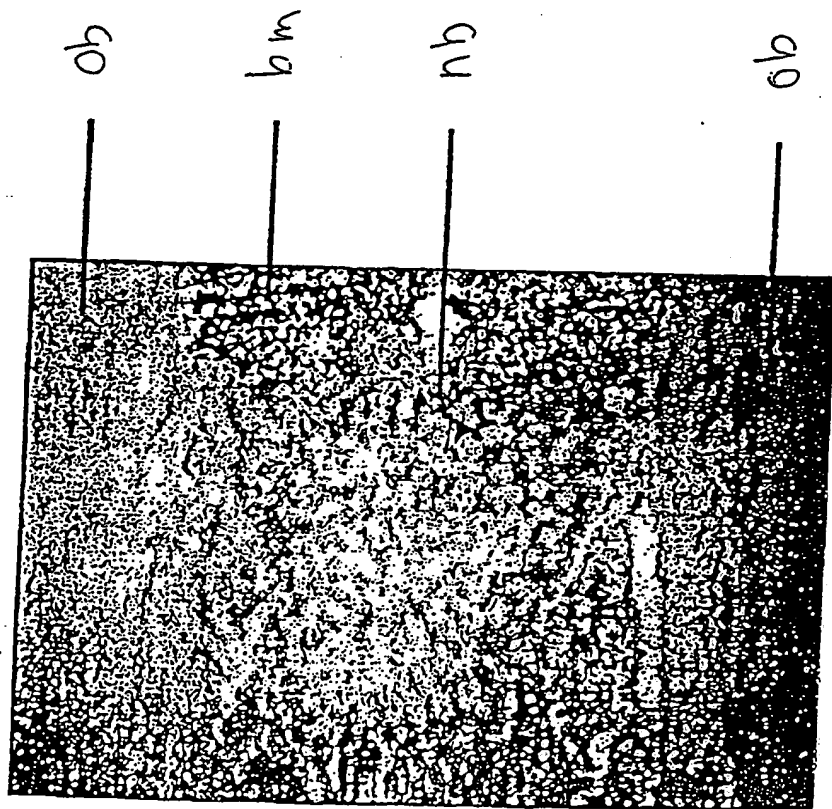
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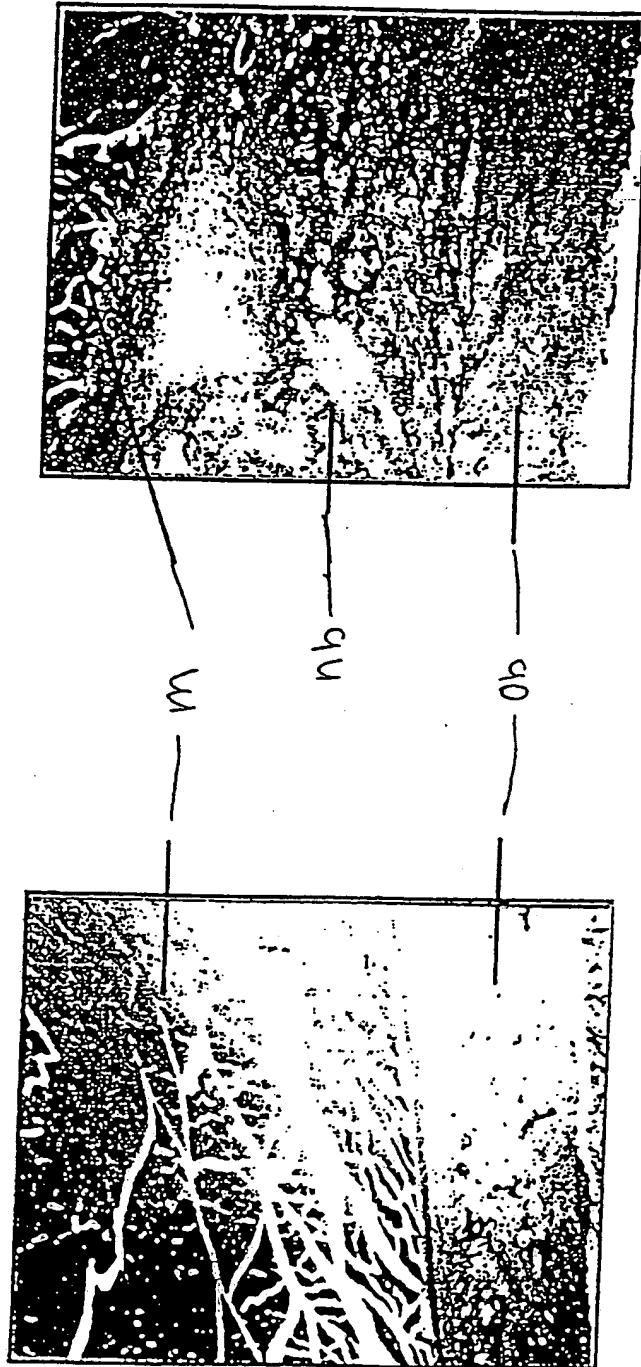
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FIG 10A



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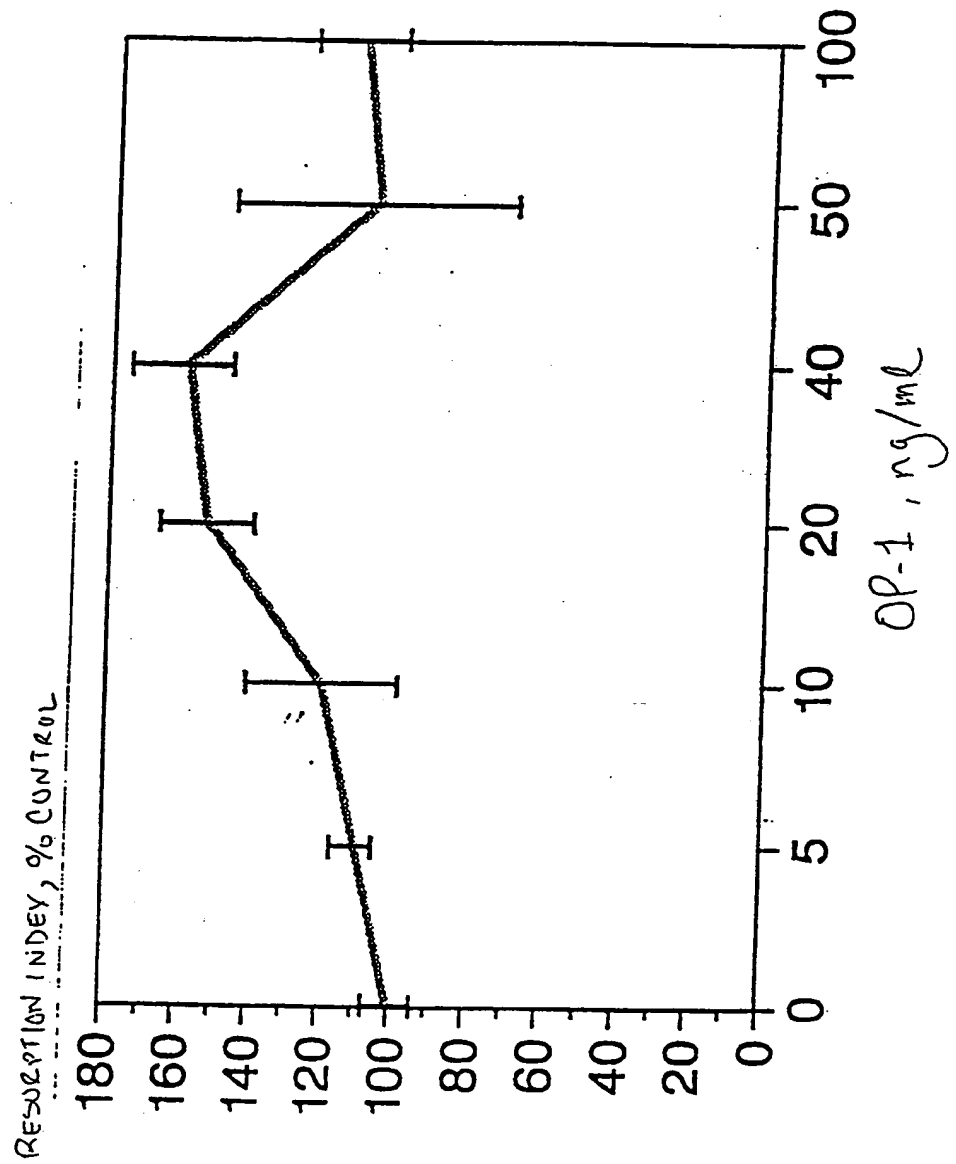
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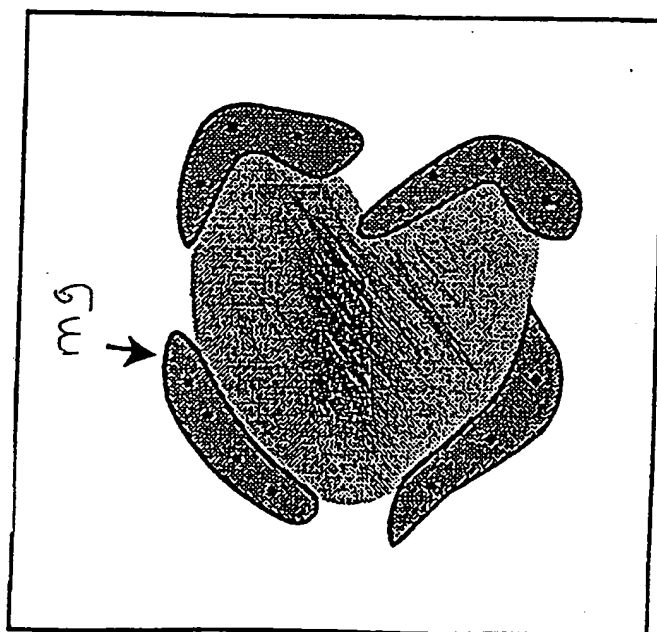
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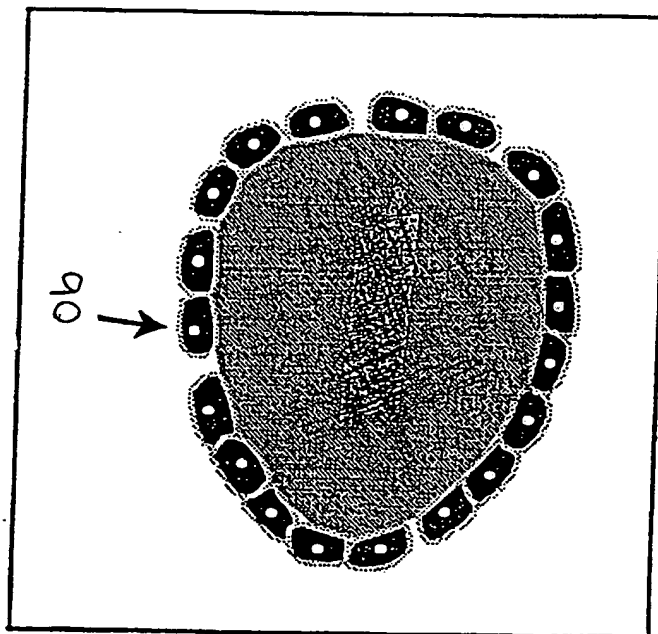


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FIG. 12



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